

**KNTV/NBC11-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
FIRST QUARTER 2005
JANUARY 1,2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2005**

KNTV/NBC11-TV is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period:

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S TOP TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE WILL LEAVE HIS POST IN JUNE, BUT HIS DEPARTURE COMES WITH A HUGE PRICE TAG. THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AGREED TO PAY PETE CIPOLLA NEARLY 335- THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SEVERENCE PAY. THE BOARD AND CIPOLLA AGREED THEY SHOULD PART WAYS BUT CIPOLLA'S GUARANTEED CONTRACT KEEPS HIM FINANCIALLY PROTECTED. ONE OF THE ISSUES CIPOLLA AND SOME BOARD MEMBERS DISAGREED ABOUT WAS A PROPOSED STUDY INVOLVING BART TO SAN JOSE. CIPOLLA SUPPORTED FUNDING A STUDY TO BRING BART JUST TO BERRYESSA AND NOT ALL THE WAY TO DOWNTOWN TO SAN JOSE. LAST NIGHT - THE BOARD VOTED AGAINST THAT PROPOSAL. THEY SAY VOTERS APPROVED A HALF-CENT SALES TAX IN 2000 BELIEVING THE PROJECT WOULD BRING BART ALL THE WAY INTO DOWNTOWN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT THE FAA SAYS AIRLINE TRAVEL IS ON THE RISE , AND RETURNING BACK TO LEVELS SEEN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11TH.TODAY,THERE ARE MORE THAN 29 THOUSAND COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. THAT'S A NINE PERCENT INCREASE FROM TWO YEARS AGO.THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALSO SAYS LATE ARRIVALS, CANCELED FLIGHTS, RUNWAY DELAYS, AND MISHANDLED BAGS ARE KEY INDICATORS OF AIR CONGESTION.THOSE BOTTOMED OUT IN 2002 AND 2003,BUT ROSE LAST YEAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT NASA WILL LAUNCH A SPACECRAFT THIS MORNING DESIGNED TO BLAST A HOLE INTO A COMET. THE AIM IS TO LEARN WHAT'S INSIDE. COMPUTER ANIMATION SHOWS HOW IT WOULD WORK. SCIENTISTS HAVE

A SINGLE SECOND TO SEND THE DEEP IMPACT CRAFT ON ITS 268-MILLION MILE, SIX MONTH VOYAGE. IF ALL GOES WELL, THE SPACECRAFT AND COMET SHOULD MAKE SPARKS ON THE 4TH OF JULY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED ANOTHER BIG STORY COMING OUT OF THE BASEBALL MEETINGS IN ARIZONA - THE OWNERSHIP OF THE OAKLAND A'S. LOS ANGELES BILLIONAIRE LEW WOLFF IS ON THE VERGE OF BUYING THE A'S, BUT HE NEEDS THE APPROVAL OF THE OTHER OWNERS AND COMMISSIONER BUD SELIG. WOLFF OWNS SAN JOSE'S FAIRMONT HOTEL, AND THE POTENTIAL SALE HAS FUELED SPECULATION THE TEAM MAY BE MOVED TO SAN JOSE. BUT IN THIS MORNING'S SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, WOLFF SAYS HE PLANS TO HONOR THE GIANTS TERRITORIAL RIGHTS AND WILL STAY OUT OF THE SOUTH BAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/25/2005 REPORTED THAT THE BAY AREA SEARCH ENGINE GIANT GOOGLE IS HEADED FOR THE SMALL SCREEN. LATER TODAY, THE MOUNTAIN VIEW-BASED COMPANY WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR A NEW VIDEO SEARCH SERVICE. IT WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT A SHOW BY SCANNING WORDS THAT APPEARED IN A SHOW'S CLOSED CAPTION TEXT. VIEWERS MAY BE DISAPPOINTED, THOUGH. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THE VIDEO, ONLY THE TEXT AND A FEW STILL FRAMES.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 1/30/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH LEE DAVIS AND AIDA CAPUTO, TWO MEMBERS OF VENDOR FAIR. LEE SPOKE OF HIS WORK IN PROMOTING BAY AREA VENDOR FAIR AND ITS USE AS A MEETING ORGANIZATION FOR MANY BUYERS TO ENCOURAGE SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH. AIDA CAPUTO, A MDBE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, SPOKE OF PROMOTION OF VENDOR FAIR FOR BUSINESS TO DISCOVER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES.

NBC11, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00PM-3:30PM, 1/30/2005 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW DISCUSSING OUTSOURCING, WHICH EVERY YEAR SENDS THOUSANDS OF JOBS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY TO PLACES LIKE CHINA AND INDIA. BUT THE LATEST BUZZ WORD, NEARSHORING, IS STARTING TO CATCH ON. THIS MEANS SENDING JOBS TO CLOSER CITIES THAT ARE LOCATED IN MEXICO. THIS ALLOWS FOR FAIRLY CHEAP LABOR AND WHEN TRANSACTIONS NEED TO HAPPEN THEY CAN STILL BE IN A SIMILAR TIME ZONE. MANY COMPANIES LIKE FLEXTRONICS, HP, SUN MICROSYSTEMS HAVE ALREADY SET UP SHOP IN MEXICO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT THIS JUST GOES TO SHOW YOU-- PEOPLE WILL SELL-- AND BUY-- JUST ABOUT ANYTHING ON E-BAY. THIS TWO BY THREE-INCH PIECE OF CEREAL WAS JUST SOLD FOR 156-DOLLARS ON THE INTERNET AUCTION SITE. THE ON LINE GAMBLING SITE GOLDEN PALACE DOT COM MADE THE BIG PURCHASE. THE SAME CASINO ALSO PURCHASED THE VIRGIN MARY

GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH, BUT FOR A MUCH HIGHER PRICE. CORN FLAKE OWNER JOHN WHITE SAYS HE'LL GIVE HALF OF THE 156-DOLLARS TO A TSUNAMI RELIEF CHARITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT SPEEDERS AT ONE EAST BAY INTERSECTION ARE ABOUT TO HIT A LOT MORE RED LIGHTS. ALAMEDA COUNTY IS USING THESE STOPLIGHTS-- CALLED SMART LIGHTS-- TO TELL DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN. IF YOU APPROACH THE INTERSECTION TOO FAST, SENSORS IN THE ROAD WILL TELL THE LIGHT TO TURN RED. ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISORS WANT TO PUT THE LIGHT UP AT TESLA ROAD AT SOUTH VASCO ROAD. THEY SAY THIS AREA IS QUICKLY BECOMING A POPULAR ROUTE FOR DRIVERS WHO ARE TRYING TO AVOID THE CONGESTED FREEWAYS. THE SMART LIGHT COSTS ABOUT 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN A REGULAR ONE. IT SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING IN ALAMEDA COUNTY BY MAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT POLICE IN THE SOUTH BAY ARE GEARING UP FOR MARDI GRAS REVELERS .THEY HOPE CELEBRATIONS WILL BE PEACEFUL AGAIN THIS YEAR. POLICE WILL BE OUT IN FULL FORCE TO PREVENT THE SORT OF PROBLEMS THAT HAVE OCCURED IN THE PAST. A FEW YEARS AGO, MORE THAN 25 BUSINESSES WERE VANDALIZED AND DAMAGED. TONIGHT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE 200 OFFICERS ON THE STREETS. SOME ON HORSEBACK. THEY USED THIS SAME STRATEGY LAST YEAR - AND FAT TUESDAY 2004 WAS RELATIVELY PEACEFUL. OFFICERS DO NOT EXPECT AS MUCH TROUBLE THIS YEAR BECAUSE THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL MARDI GRAS EVENTS DOWNTOWN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE MAYOR RON GONZALES GOT THE CROWD'S ATTENTION WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT DURING HIS STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS LAST NIGHT. MAYOR GONZALES SAYS HE IS DEDICATED TO BRINGING A MAJOR LEAGUE FRANCHISE TO THE SOUTH BAY. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TEAM MOVE INTO DOWNTOWN, AND THAT'S WELCOME NEWS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE AREA. THE PROBLEM IS, THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS CURRENTLY HAVE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS FOR SAN JOSE. AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL COMMISSIONER BUD SELIG SAID HE DOES NOT SEE THAT CHANGING. SELIG IS ALSO AGAINST MOVING THE A'S OUT OF OAKLAND, BUT BASEBALL WAS NOT THE ONLY THING THE MAYOR TALKED ABOUT LAST NIGHT. HE ALSO FOCUSED ON ISSUES LIKE BRINGING MORE BIO-TECH BUSINESS TO THE SILICON VALLEY. HE ALSO WANTS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE AREA. AND DESPITE RECENT FEDERAL FUNDING SETBACKS, MAYOR GONZALES SAYS HE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THE BART- TO- SAN JOSE PROJECT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT THERE IS NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT THIS VALENTINES DAY. UNION MEMBERS OF 14 CITY HOTELS SAY MANAGEMENT IS MAKING COLD- HEARTED CONTRACT PROPOSALS, SO THEY PLAN TO MELT A HEART- SHAPED ICE SCULPTURE

OUTSIDE THE WESTIN SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL. THEY WILL ALSO PICKET. THE HOTELS AND UNIONS AGREED TO A COOLING OFF PERIOD LATE LAST YEAR AFTER A LOCKOUT, BUT THAT PERIOD HAS ENDED - AND THERE IS STILL NO AGREEMENT. MORE NEGOTIATIONS ARE SLATED FOR THIS AFTERNOON BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. HOTEL MANAGERS SAY THEY ARE FOCUSED ON FINDING AN AGREEMENT AND GETTING A CONTRACT SIGNED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/28/2005 REPORTED THAT A NEW ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL SHOWS A LOT OF WORKING AMERICANS ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW THEY WILL AFFORD RETIREMENT. ALMOST HALF THE PEOPLE STILL WORKING DON'T THINK THEY'RE DOING A GOOD JOB OF GETTING READY TO RETIRE. 55 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED OPPOSE PRESIDENT BUSH'S PLAN TO ALLOW WORKERS TO CREATE PERSONAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS. THE POLL ALSO SHOWS SUPPORT FOR PERSONAL ACCOUNTS IS HIGHER AMONG YOUNG ADULTS - AND DECLINES AS PEOPLE GET OLDER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/28/2005 REPORTED THAT FORMER WORLDCOM CHIEF BERNARD EBBERS IS ON THE STAND TODAY IN NEW YORK IN HIS FRAUD TRIAL. PROSECUTORS SAY EBBERS ORDERED INFLATED STOCK PRICES TO BE REPORTED TO WALL STREET TO BOOST WORLDCOM'S STOCK PRICE. EBBERS DEFENDED HIMSELF THIS MORNING, SAYING HE HAD NEVER TAKEN ANY ACCOUNTING CLASSES AND WAS A POOR STUDENT. ANALYSTS SAY IT'S A RISKY MOVE TO HAVE EBBERS TESTIFY. WHILE IT GIVES HIM A CHANCE TO TELL HIS STORY, IT ALSO OPENS HIM UP TO CROSS-EXAMINATION. THE NINE COUNTS AGAINST EBBERS CARRY UP TO 85 YEARS IN PRISON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WILL BE OUT IN FORCE THIS WEEKEND. OPERATION IMPACT STARTS TONIGHT. THE PLAN IS TO GET LEADS ON BIGGER CRIMES BY CRACKING DOWN ON THE ROADS. OFFICERS WILL BE LOOKING FOR RECKLESS DRIVERS, DRUNK DRIVERS AND OTHER SUSPECT ACTIVITIES IN THE INGLESIDE AND TARAVAL AREAS. OPERATION IMPACT RUNS THROUGH THE SUMMER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT THERE WERE TOUGH WORDS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS - AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF HEARINGS ON STEROIDS. SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN CHASTISED MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FOR WHAT IT CALLED AN "EXTREMELY WEAK" DRUG- TESTING PROGRAM. BUT SOME OF THE MOST EMOTIONAL TESTIMONY CAME FROM A MAN WHO BLAMES STEROIDS FOR HIS SON'S SUICIDE. A VACAVILLE FAMILY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE IS GOING THROUGH. THEY BELIEVE THEIR SON COMMITTED SUICIDE AS A RESULT OF STEROIDS.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT MANY AMERICAN WORKERS MAY BE LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB IN THE NEW YEAR. NOT BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ONE BUT BECAUSE THEY WANT A BETTER ONE. FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS, NOW IT'S BEEN AN EMPLOYER'S MARKET WHERE WORKERS WERE JUST GLAD TO HAVE WHATEVER JOB THEY HAD. NOW, THE BALANCE OF POWER IS MOVING TOWARDS WORKERS. WHO MAY BE LOOKING TO JOB HOP. ONE STUDY BY A NATIONAL PLACEMENT GROUP SAYS HALF OF ALL WORKERS ARE CONSIDERING QUITTING FOR BETTER WORK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT IT'S EASIER THAN EVER TO GET A CREDIT CARD - BUT THAT'S PUSHING MANY PEOPLE FURTHER INTO DEBT TODAY SHOW FINANCIAL EDITOR JEAN CHATZKY OFFERED ADVICE ON HOW TO AVOID DROWNING IN DEBT AND MANAGE YOUR FINANCES WISELY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT THE PAST THREE YEARS MARK ONE OF THE SAFEST PERIODS IN US AVIATION HISTORY. THIRTEEN PEOPLE DIED ABOARD US SCHEDULED FLIGHTS LAST YEAR. THOSE DEATHS HAPPENED IN OCTOBER WHEN A CORPORATE AIRLINER CRASHED IN MISSOURI. IN 2003, TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE DIED. IN 2002, THERE WERE NO DEATHS. BY COMPARISON, ABOUT 42-THOUSAND PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR ON THE ROADS. SAFETY EXPERTS SAY BETTER TRAINING AND AWARENESS OF SAFETY ISSUES PLAYED A BIG PART IN MAKING US SKIES SAFER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT NBC11 HAS LEARNED THE OAKLAND A'S ARE ON THE VERGE OF BEING SOLD. NEXT TUESDAY, A LOS ANGELES BILLIONAIRE WILL BE IN THE BAY AREA TO MEET WITH THE CURRENT OWNERS OF THE A'S. A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS TELLS NBC11 A PRELIMINARY DEAL TO SELL THE TEAM HAS BEEN REACHED. SO FAR THERE ARE NO PLANS TO RE-LOCATE THE TEAM. CURRENT CO-OWNER STEVE SCHOTT AND HIS PARTNER BOUGHT THE A'S IN 1995 FOR REPORTEDLY LESS THAN 85- MILLION DOLLARS. THEY WILL NOW REPORTEDLY SELL THE TEAM FOR A REPORTED 170- MILLION. IF THE DEAL IS APPROVED, THE NEW OWNER WOULD BE LEW WOLFF. HE IS CURRENTLY THE A'S VICE-PRESIDENT OF VENUE DEVELOPMENT AND A FORMER PART OWNER OF THE WARRIORS AND ST. LOUIS BLUES. HE ALSO OWNS SEVERAL HOTELS INCLUDING THE FAIRMONT IN SAN FRANCISCO - AND THE FAIRMONT IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE. WOLFF SPOKE WITH NBC11 SPORTS DIRECTOR RAJ MATHAI LAST NIGHT. HE TOLD RAJ THE DEAL SHOULD BE DONE IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS HE WENT ON TO SAY QUOTE - I'D LIKE TO GET IT DONE IMMEDIATELY - BUT DEALING WITH THE SPEED OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IS VERY DIFFERENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT TRAFFIC IS ONCE AGAIN MOVING ON HIGHWAY 101 NEAR PETALUMA THIS MORNING.

IT WAS SHUT DOWN FOR A GOOD PART OF THE RUSH HOUR-- WHEN A TOUR BUS FULL OF PEOPLE HIT A GUARDRAIL AND WAS LEFT DANGLING OVER AN OVERPASS. IT HAPPENED ABOUT 4:30 THIS MORNING, THE CHP SAYS THE BUS CRASHED INTO A GUARDRAIL AFTER SWERVING TO AVOID A STALLED CAR. FIFTEEN PEOPLE WERE ON THE BUS AND HAD TO GET OUT BY CRAWLING THROUGH A SIDE WINDOW. CHP SAYS THE BUS WAS NEVER IN DANGER OF FALLING OVER THE EMBANKMENT. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT ADMISSION FEES ARE GOING UP AT THE SAN FRANCISCO ZOO. THE DOLLAR FEE INCREASE STARTS MARCH FIRST - AND APPLIES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS. THE LAST FEE HIKE WAS IN 2001. RIGHT NOW, ADMISSION FOR ADULTS IS 10 DOLLARS. ZOO OFFICIALS SAY THE MONTHLY FREE DAY, WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AND THE MUNI RIDER AND DISABLED DISCOUNTS STILL APPLY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT TWO VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY RED CROSS WILL HELP PEOPLE RECOVER FROM THE MUDSLIDE. ONE WE SPOKE WITH SAYS IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY SHE WOULD NOT MISS. THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE GONE FOR TWO WEEKS. THEY HELP VICTIMS WITH EVERYTHING FROM FINANCIAL TO HEALTH NEEDS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT AMERICAN PASSPORTS SOON MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE FINGERPRINTS WITH PICTURES. OUTGOING HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY TOM RIDGE MADE THAT RECOMMENDATION YESTERDAY. THE US RECENTLY BEGAN FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING CITIZENS OF 27 COUNTRIES WHEN THEY ARRIVE FOR SHORT VISITS. RIDGE SAID IF WE ASK THE REST OF THE WORLD TO DO IT, WE SHOULD DO IT OURSELVES.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 1/16/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH RICH FETTKE, AUTHOR OF EXTREME SUCCESS AND LIFE COACH. FETTKE ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALS TO BE PASSIONATE AND PURSUE THEIR VALUES, CONTINUALLY WORK TO BETTER THEIR LIVES AND EVALUATE THE PURPOSE OF RELATIONSHIPS IN THEIR LIVES, ESPECIALLY MARRIAGE.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 1/16/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW JANET CHILDS, CENTER FOR LIVING WITH DYING, HELPS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ACTION IN THE MOMENTS OF A TRAGEDY. SHE ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT, TO BE ACTIVE AND ALIVE. CHILDS PROMOTES SUPPORT STEPS FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING AND PUSHES FOR CONTINUAL OUTREACH AND SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/25/2005 REPORTED THAT YOUR DESKTOP PERSONAL COMPUTER MAY SOON BE A THING OF THE PAST, AND A LAPTOP COMPUTER MAY REPLACE IT. NEW STUDIES

SHOW LAPTOP SALES HAVE DOUBLED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. DURING THE HOLIDAYS, LAPTOP SALES INCREASED BY 24-PERCENT, WHILE SALES FOR DESKTOP P-C'S DROPPED SEVEN PERCENT. EXPERTS SAY THE BIGGEST REASONS FOR THE LAPTOP BOOM - WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS AND FALLING PRICES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT A HEATED MEETING IN SACRAMENTO YESTERDAY AS LAWMAKERS GRILLED CALTRANS OFFICIALS OVER THE BALLOONING COSTS OF THE BAY BRIDGE RETROFIT PROJECT. THE PRICE OF THE PROJECT HAS DOUBLED TO MORE THAN FIVE BILLION DOLLARS. LAWMAKERS SAY CALTRANS FAILED TO TELL THEM OF THE BALLOONING COSTS UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE. MEANTIME, CALTRANS OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE THE WAY THE AGENCY IS RUN. ANOTHER HEARING IS SET FOR TUESDAY TO HELP SET THE STAGE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE LEGISLATURE

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS ARE HANDING OUT FEWER SPEEDING TICKETS THESE DAYS.ACCORDING TO OUR PARTNERS AT THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS , A NEW STATE STUDY FOUND CHP OFFICERS ARE SPENDING MORE TIME DEALING WITH CRASHES AND FENDER BENDERS THAT MEANS LESS TIME LOOKING FOR SPEEDERS - DRUNK DRIVERS - AND TAILGATERS. THE RESULT CAN BE SEEN IN THE NUMBER OF TICKETS GIVEN OUT.ON AVERAGE IN 1970, ONE TICKET WAS HANDED OUT FOR EVERY FIVE LICENSED CALIFORNIA DRIVERS. THESE DAYS ,IT'S MORE LIKE ONE FOR EVERY TEN. THE STATE REPORT RECOMMENDS THE CHP TRY TO HANDLE FEWER, MINOR, NON- INJURY CRASHES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT THERE IS HEARING TODAY IN SACRAMENTO - ON THE BAY BRIDGE'S NEW EASTERN SPAN. THE PRICE OF THE PROJECT HAS DOUBLED TO MORE THAN FIVE BILLION DOLLARS. AS A WAY TO SAVE MONEY - GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER PROPOSED A TOWERLESS, CONCRETE SKYWAY. BUT A LEGISLATIVE ANALYST SAYS IT COULD ACTUALLY END UP COSTING MORE THAN THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT SUV OWNERS IN SAN FRANCISCO MAY SOON PAY MORE FEES THAN OTHER CAR OWNERS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HEAR A MOTION TODAY ASKING A PANEL TO LOOK INTO THE EFFECTS OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES HAVE ON CITY STREETS. IF APPROVED, THE PANEL WILL LOOK AT COSTS TO OFFSET WEAR AND TEAR. SAN MATEO COUNTY HAS A SIMILAR LAW THAT ADDS A FEE TO HEAVIER VEHICLES.FEES ARE LOWER FOR MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY CARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT IF YOU PLAN TO PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO, GET READY TO PAY A

LITTLE MORE. PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS TO INCREASE TICKET FINES - METER RATES - GARAGE FEES - AND THE PRICE OF RESIDENTIAL PERMITS. METERS AND GARAGES WOULD GO UP 50 CENTS AN HOUR AND MOST TICKETS WOULD INCREASE AT LEAST 5 DOLLARS, ACCORDING TO THE CHRONICLE. MUNI OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO CLOSE A GROWING 57 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT. THEY BLAME THEIR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY ON HIGHER PAYROLL AND FUEL COSTS. THE COMMISSION IN CHARGE OF MUNI HAS SCHEDULED TWO MEETINGS LATER THIS MONTH TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED INCREASES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT A STARTLING NEW TWIST THIS MORNING IN A HUGE IDENTITY THEFT CASE. NOW THE NUMBER OF RECORDS COMPROMISED MAY BE MUCH BIGGER THAN ANYONE THOUGHT. CREDIT REPORTING COMPANY CHOICEPOINT SAID EARLIER THIS WEEK IT HAD BEEN HACKED AND THOUSANDS OF PERSONAL RECORDS HAD BEEN STOLEN. NOW IT TURNS OUT CHOICEPOINT ACTUALLY SOLD THOSE RECORDS TO THEIVES. THE INFORMATION WAS DELIVERED TO PEOPLE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA POSING AS LEGITIMATE DEBT COLLECTORS. ALMOST 40 THOUSAND CALIFORNIANS MAY BE AFFECTED. AUTHORITIES SAY BY THE END OF THE INVESTIGATION MORE THAN A HALF MILLION PEOPLE ACROSS THE US COULD BE IMPACTED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/21/2005 REPORTED THAT A COMPUTER PROBLEM FOR AIR TRAVELERS IN THIS MORNING COMPUTER GLITCH AT THE UNITED AIRLINE COUNTER HAS DELAYED FLIGHTS FOR HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. NEARLY 500 UNITED CUSTOMERS ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING HOME AT THE END OF THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND. IT ALL STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING, WHEN UNITED'S TICKETING SYSTEM CRASHED FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS. UNITED STAFF HAD TO DO ALL THEIR WORK BY HAND. THERE ARE 15 PLANES NOW WAITING TO TAKEOFF.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/21/2005 REPORTED THAT MUCH OF THE COUNTRY IS GETTING A SLIGHT BREAK AT THE GAS PUMP, BUT PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE HERE. THE LUNDBERG SURVEY SHOWS THE AVERAGE PRICE ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR REGULAR UNLEADED DROPPED A HALF-CENT SINCE EARLY FEBRUARY - TO A DOLLAR NINETY A GALLON. BUT HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THE AVERAGE PRICE JUMPED ABOUT 11 CENTS TO TWO- FIFTEEN A GALLON. EXPERTS BLAME THE DISPARITY ON CALIFORNIA'S EARLY SWITCH TO LOWER- EMISSION FUEL FOR SUMMER DRIVING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/21/2005 REPORTED THAT THE STATE CONTROLLER WANTS TO DO YOUR TAXES FOR YOU. THE STATE IS MAILING TAX FORMS THAT ARE ALREADY FILLED OUT TO 10- THOUSAND RANDOMLY SELECTED CALIFORNIANS. TAXPAYERS CAN IGNORE THE RETURNS AND DO THEIR OWN, OR JUST SIGN THE ONES FROM THE STATE AND MAIL THEM BACK TO SACRAMENTO. THE PROGRAM IS TARGETING PEOPLE WHO FILE THE 540-E-Z FORM. BUT HALF THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY HAVE ALREADY SENT A

LETTER TO THE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PROTESTING THE PROGRAM SAYING THEY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT PRIVACY. AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY COMPANIES THAT PREPARE TAX RETURNS DON'T LIKE IT MUCH EITHER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/10/2005 REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF PILOTS RELEASED A REPORT TODAY GIVING FAILING GRADES TO GOVERNMENT WHEN IT COMES TO AIRLINE SECURITY THE COALITION OF AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION SAYS THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T DOING ITS JOB IN SEVERAL AREAS. THE GROUP SAYS MAJOR CHANGES ARE NEEDED, ESPECIALLY IN SCREENING OF EMPLOYEES AND CARGO. THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS 22-THOUSAND PILOTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SAYS IT IS STUDYING POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT PEOPLE SAY THEY LIKE THEIR CELL PHONES, BUT NOT THE WAY SOME PEOPLE USE THEM. A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN POLL FINDS THAT SIX IN TEN CELL PHONE USERS SAY USING A CELL PHONE IN PUBLIC CAN BE QUOTE-- A MAJOR IRRITATION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/15/2005 REPORTED THAT CALTRAIN IS PROPOSING RADICAL CHANGES TO ITS SERVICE ALONG THE PENINSULA - IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE MONEY. THE SAN MATEO DAILY JOURNAL IS REPORTING THAT CALTRAIN IS THINKING ABOUT INCLUDING MORE BABY BULLET TRAINS, BUT DROPPING UP TO FOUR STATIONS AND CUTTING OR ELIMINATING WEEKEND SERVICE. THE CHANGES ARE AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE GROWING BUDGET SHORTFALL, WHILE KEEPING THE AGENCY'S RECENT INCREASES IN RIDERSHIP. CALTRAIN OFFICIALS SAY RISING GAS PRICES AND LIMITED FUNDING FROM SAN MATEO, SAN FRANCISCO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES IS HURTING THEIR BOTTOM LINE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/15/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISORS ARE EXPECTED TO ENDORSE A PLAN TODAY, TO PUT A BARRIER ON THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TO PREVENT SUICIDES. LAST WEEK, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED A TWO MILLION DOLLAR STUDY. IT WILL TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE. FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE JUMPED FROM THE BRIDGE HAVE BEEN DEMANDING A BARRIER FOR YEARS. THE COST IS ESTIMATED AT UP TO 25 MILLION DOLLARS.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ,ELDERLY ,FAMILY : MEN & WOMEN

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT A NEW REPORT SAYS THE STATE AGENCY IN CHARGE OF REHABILITATING YOUNG PEOPLE IS FAILING. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SAYS HUNDREDS OF YOUNG INMATES AT THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY - SPEND 23-HOURS A DAY LOCKED IN THEIR CELLS. THAT'S WITH NO ACCESS TO COUNSELING OR EDUCATION. MORE THAN SEVENTY-PERCENT OF TEENAGERS RELEASED BY THE AUTHORITY RETURN SOON AFTER. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SAYS THAT PROVES THERE IS NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT SOME GOOD NEWS OUT OF THE TSUNAMI DISASTER ZONE THIS MORNING. OAKLAND RESIDENTS RUEL BERNARD AND AKIYO KAWABATA ARE SAFE. THE TWO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE IN BALI WHEN THE TSUNAMI HIT. INSTEAD THEY WERE HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS AND NOT AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH WANTS TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FAMILIES RECEIVE WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES WHILE SERVING IN THE MILITARY. PRESIDENT BUSH PROPOSES INCREASING THE TOTAL DEATH BENEFITS FROM AROUND 250-THOUSAND TO 500-THOUSAND. RIGHT NOW - FAMILIES RECEIVE A ONE TIME SO CALLED DEATH GRATUITY OF AROUND 12-THOUSAND. THE PRESIDENT WANTS THAT BUMPED TO 100-THOUSAND. AND THE LIFE INSURANCE PAYOUT BUMPED BY ANOTHER 150-THOUSAND. FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED SAY THIS PROPOSAL SENDS THE RIGHT MESSAGE ABOUT SACRIFICE - EVEN THOUGH THAT MESSAGE IS LONG OVERDUE. THE PROPOSAL WILL BE SENT TO CONGRESS NEXT WEEK AS PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2006.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT A SURVIVOR FROM LAST WEEK'S TRAIN DERAILMENT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS TALKING ABOUT THE LASTING MESSAGE HE LEFT HIS FAMILY. JOHN PHIPPS MET HIS RESCUERS YESTERDAY. BEFORE THEY FOUND HIM - PHIPPS' USED HIS OWN BLOOD TO WRITE I HEART MY KIDS. I HEART LESLIE. HIS SOUND BITE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: I GOT TO TELL MY WIFE AND KIDS WHAT I THOUGHT WERE GONNA BE MY LAST WORDS, AND GOD BLESSED ME AND MADE SURE THEY WEREN'T MY LAST WORDS. THEN HE BLESSED ME AGAIN BY SENDING ME THE FIREFIGHTERS TO GET ME OUT 11 PEOPLE DIED WHEN A TRAIN HIT AN S- U- V- PARKED ON THE TRACK IN WHAT POLICE SAY WAS AN ABORTED SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT POLICE IN OAKLAND ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR A HIT AND RUN DRIVER WHO KILLED A WOMAN DRIVING HER 15-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON TO SCHOOL. THE WOMAN WAS JUST OUTSIDE CARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL THURSDAY MORNING WHEN AN ON-COMING DRIVER SWERVED, HITTING THE LEFT-FRONT SIDE OF HER CAR. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE DRIVER ABANDONED HIS CAR AND RAN OFF. HE WAS WEARING BLUE JEANS AND A WHITE T-SHIRT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT BAY AREA ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH AT RISK KIDS ARE REACTING TO THE PRESIDENT'S NEW PLANS TO TAKE ON GANG VIOLENCE. NBC11 TALKED TO SEVERAL GROUPS THAT WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE INNER CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. THE PRESIDENT PLEDGED 150 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS AND MOST PEOPLE WE TALKED TO SAID THEY APPRECIATE THE GESTURE - BUT IT'S ONLY A SMALL STEP TO ADDRESS A BIG PROBLEM.

FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH WILL OVERSEE THE NEW PROGRAM IT WILL HELP INNER CITY TEENAGERS BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO FAITH- BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT A HAPPY REUNION THIS MORNING FOR AN EAST BAY TODDLER AND HIS FAMILY. POLICE RECOVERED THE CHILD OVERNIGHT IN OAKLAND - ALONG WITH THE TEENAGER ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING HIM. ONE YEAR OLD ANTHONY WALLER WAS ABDUCTED OUTSIDE AN OAKLAND SALON ON SUNDAY. HIS AUNT WAS INSIDE AND LEFT THE CHILD WITH A TRANSIENT SHE HAD RECENTLY BEFRIENDED. THIS MORNING ,THE TEENAGER AND THE CHILD WERE SEEN IN OAKLAND LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SLEEP. LUCKILY, CONCERNED CITIZENS RECOGNIZED THE TODDLER AND CALLED POLICE. THE CHILD IS SAFE THIS MORNING AND THE 16 YEAR OLD GIRL IS IN CUSTODY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT LAWMAKERS IN VIRGINIA ARE TAKING ACTION AGAINST LOW RIDING PANTS THE STATE HOUSE HAS GIVEN TENTATIVE APPROVAL TO A BILL THAT WOULD FINE PEOPLE IF THEIR UNDERWEAR IS SHOWING IN A LEWD OR INDECENT MANNER THE MEASURE CALLS FOR A FIFTY DOLLAR FINE. AND THAT'S NOT JUST FOR GIRLS IN LOW-CUT JEANS - IT'S ALSO FOR BOYS IN BAGGY, SAGGY OVERSIZED JEANS. THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF FEEDBACK - MOST OF IT POSITIVE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING ABOUT A ROYAL WEDDING IN ENGLAND. PRINCE CHARLES' OFFICE SAYS HE PLANS TO MARRY HIS LONGTIME PARTNER CAMILLA PARKER BOWLES. PRINCESS DIANA BLAMED BOWLES FOR THE END OF HER MARRIAGE TO CHARLES. THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTURBURY HAS GIVEN HIS BLESSING TO THEIR UNION. THE MARRIAGE IS A SENSITIVE ISSUE WITH THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BECAUSE BOWLES IS DIVORCED AND HER EX- HUSBAND IS STILL ALIVE. ONCE HER HUSBAND BECOMES KING, BOWLES DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE ON THE TITLE OF QUEEN. INSTEAD SHE WILL BE KNOWN AS THE PRINCESS CONSORT. A PRIVATE, CIVIL CEREMONY IS PLANNED FOR APRIL 8TH AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT ALL THIS WEEK THE TODAY SHOW IS FOCUSING ON CHILDCARE OPTIONS IN A SERIES CALLED WHO CAN YOU TRUST. TODAY, ONE MOTHER TALKED ABOUT HOW SHE MISSED THE WARNING SIGNS CHANIN CARR WAS A PARENT WHO NEVER DOUBTED HER CHILD CARE SERVICE. THAT'S WHY SHE WAS HORRIFIED WHEN SHE PICKED HER DAUGHTER - HALEY - AFTER WORK, ONLY TO NOTICE A DARK BRUISE ON HER FACE. IT ONLY GOT WORSE HALEY HAD TO HAVE EMERGENCY BRAIN SURGERY FOR A BLOOD CLOT. THE OWNER OF THE DAYCARE WAS ACCUSED OF THROWING HALEY INTO A PLAYPIN. TODAY BECAUSE OF HER INJURIES, HALEY IS DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/22/2005 REPORTED THAT THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT USED ITS HELICOPTER TO RESCUE SOME STRANDED HIKERS AT A SOUTH BAY PARK. RESCUE CREWS FOUND THE SIX HIKERS AT HENRY COE PARK NEAR MORGAN HILL YESTERDAY. THEY WERE NEAR A CREEK THAT WAS SWOLLEN SO MUCH FROM THE HEAVY RAIN, THAT THEY COULDN'T CROSS OVER IT. THE HIKERS USED THEIR CELL PHONES TO CALL FOR HELP. NO ONE WAS HURT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/02/2005 REPORTED THAT IN SANTA CRUZ, A LEGAL BATTLE IS BREWING OVER WHERE A SOLDIER KILLED IN IRAQ SHOULD BE BURIED. THE ARMY TRANSPORTED THE BODY OF STAFF SERGEANT JASON HENDRIX TO WATSONVILLE LAST WEEK. HENDRIX'S MOTHER AND STEPFATHER WERE MAKING PLANS FOR HIS MEMORIAL BUT GOT A NOTICE FROM THE ARMY. HENDRIX'S NATURAL FATHER AND GRANDMOTHER WHO LIVE IN OKLAHOMA WANT HIS BODY BURIED THERE. THE AMICK FAMILY SPOKESPERSON SAYS THEY ARE WORKING TO KEEP THE SOLDIER'S REMAINS IN WATSONVILLE. A SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT HAS STEPPED IN AND ISSUED A RESTRAINING ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE AMICK FAMILY - BLOCKING THE ARMY FROM REMOVING HENDRIX'S BODY.

NBC11, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00PM-3:30PM, 3/13/2005 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH AMALIA AVILA AND SANTA CRUZ MAYOR MIKE ROTKIN. DOMESTIC ABUSE WAS DISCUSSED. OFTEN REFERRED TO AS A "SILENT CRIME" BECAUSE WOMEN ARE OFTEN TOO FRIGHTENED TO TURN IN THEIR ABUSIVE HUSBANDS. THE SILENCE IS ESPECIALLY A PROBLEM WITHIN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THAT IS WHY A BAY AREA GROUP IS HELPING THEM FIGHT BACK.

CRIMES - FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT THREE MEN ARE UNDER ARREST THIS MORNING AFTER A POLICE CHASE AND SHOOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO. OFFICERS SAY THE CHASE STARTED AFTER AN ALLEGED THEFT AT A NIGHTCLUB IN THE INGLESIDE DISTRICT. POLICE OPENED FIRE ON THE SUSPECTS AFTER THEY SAY THE MEN TRIED TO RUN THEM OVER WITH THEIR CAR. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE THREE MEN ARE IN JAIL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT THIS POLICE SHOOTING FOLLOWS TWO OTHERS IN RECENT DAYS. ONE, HAPPENED IN PACIFICA. 30-YEAR-OLD GREGORY SALSBURY DIED AFTER POLICE SHOT HIM WITH A TASER GUN. POLICE SAY HE WAS COMBATIVE AND THEY USED THE TASER TO SUBDUCE HIM. HIS ACTUAL CAUSE OF DEATH IS UNDER INVESTIGATION

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT AND IN REDWOOD CITY SWAT TEAM MEMBERS SAY THEY WERE FORCED TO SHOOT A MAN AFTER A LONG STANDOFF SUNDAY NIGHT. THEY SAY THE MAN WAS ARMED WITH A MACHETE AND THEY TRIED EVERYTHING FROM TASER GUNS TO PEPPER SPRAY BUT NOTHING SEEMED TO AFFECT HIM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT A TEENAGE BOY IS UNDER ARREST THIS MORNING, ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A TEN-YEAR OLD GIRL AT KNIFEPOINT. THE GIRL TOLD POLICE THE SIXTEEN-YEAR OLD CONVINCED HER TO GO FOR A WALK. THE GIRL TELLS POLICE HE THEN PULLED OUT A KNIFE, THREATENED TO KILL HER AND ASSAULTED HER. POLICE FOUND THE TEENAGER ASLEEP INSIDE A HOME IN SOUTH SAN JOSE AROUND FOUR O-CLOCK THIS MORNING. OFFICERS SAY IT WAS AN UNEXPECTED FIND. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DECIDE IF THE TEENAGER WILL BE CHARGED AS AN ADULT OR JUVENILE. THAT DECISION MAY COME IN A COUPLE OF DAYS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT FIVE PEOPLE WILL SHARE A 50-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD IN THE LACI PETERSON CASE. THEY'RE GETTING THE MONEY FOR FINDING THE BODIES OF LACI AND HER UNBORN CHILD -ALONG THE SHORE OF THE BAY NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO. THE CAROLE SUND CARRINGTON FOUNDATION PLANS TO PRESENT THE CHECKS FRIDAY. SCOTT PETERSON IS IN THE SAN MATEO COUNTY JAIL - WAITING FOR HIS SENTENCING HEARING NEXT MONTH. A JURY CONVICTED HIM OF MURDER AND HAS RECOMENDED A DEATH SENTENCE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT NEARLY TWO YEARS AFTER THE BODIES OF LACI AND CONNER PETERSON WERE FOUND WASHED ASHORE NEAR RICHMOND - POLICE WILL REWARD THE PEOPLE WHO FOUND THEM. FIVE PEOPLE WILL SHARE THE 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS OFFERED BY THE SUND-CARRINGTON FOUNDATION. FOUNDATION LEADERS WILL PRESENT A CHECK FOR 25-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE PEOPLE WHO FOUND LACI PETERSON AT THE MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING ANOTHER 25-THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL GO TO THOSE WHO FOUND CONNER. LAST MONTH - A JURY RECOMMENDED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR SCOTT PETERSON - WHO WAS CONVICTED OF BOTH MURDERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT THE POST OFFICE IS OFFERING A 50-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE SUSPECT WHO ROBBED AN EAST BAY POST OFFICE. THE MAIN POSTAL CENTER IN EL CERRITO WAS ROBBED AROUND ONE O'CLOCK THURSDAY AFTERNOON. INVESTIGATORS WILL NOT SAY HOW MUCH MONEY WAS TAKEN. THEY

SAY THE MAN WHO ROBBED THE POST OFFICE CLAIMED TO HAVE A GUN. BUT THEY ARE NOT SURE IF HE WAS ACTUALLY ARMED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT A BAY AREA POLITICIAN FACING DRUG CHARGES, WILL MAKE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCILMAN JOHN ENGLISH WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN SACRAMENTO. AIRPORT SCREENERS THERE SAY THEY FOUND CRYSTAL METH IN ENGLISH'S CARRY-ON BAG LAST WEEK. DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH NBC11 NEWS ENGLISH CLAIMED HIS NEPHEW HID THE DRUGS INSIDE A PAIR OF SHOES WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE. THE NEPHEW HAS SINCE ADMITTED THE DRUGS WERE HIS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT NEW DETAILS THIS MORNING ABOUT SUNDAY NIGHT'S DEADLY SHOOTOUT NEAR MODESTO - THAT LEFT ONE POLICE OFFICER DEAD AND ANOTHER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS THE GUNMAN BEFORE HE TOOK OUT A RIFLE AND OPENED FIRE ON THE TWO OFFICERS IN FRONT OF A LIQUOR STORE IN CERES. MINUTES EARLIER - HE HAD TOLD A CLERK TO CALL POLICE BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN SHOT. THE GUNMAN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS 19-YEAR-OLD ANDRES RAYA - A US MARINE FROM MODESTO WHO WAS ABOUT TO BE DEPLOYED TO IRAQ FOR A THIRD TIME. POLICE ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE IF RAYA WANTED TO DIE IN WHAT THEY CALL SUICIDE BY COP. AFTER A THREE HOUR MANHUNT - OFFICERS FOUND RAYA IN AN ALLEY. THEY SHOT AND KILLED HIM AFTER THEY SAY HE PULLED OUT HIS RIFLE. INVESTIGATORS SAY RAYA'S WEAPON WAS ILLEGAL AND HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED TO HIM BY THE MILITARY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT ACTIVISTS WILL RALLY TODAY - ASKING GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER TO GRANT CLEMENCY FOR A CONDEMNED INMATE AT SAN QUENTIN. DONALD BEARDSLEE IS SCHEDULED TO BE EXECUTED NEXT WEDNESDAY. ACTIVISTS SAY THE GOVERNOR SHOULD GRANT CLEMENCY BECAUSE BEARDSLEE HAS BRAIN DAMAGE. THEY SAY HIS SENTENCING IS UNFAIR AND HE HAS HAD GOOD BEHAVIOR IN PRISON. BEARDSLEE WAS CONVICTED OF KILLING TWO WOMEN HE LURED TO HIS REDWOOD CITY APARTMENT IN 19-81.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT POLICE IN MORAGA - ARE LOOKING FOR A HIT AND RUN DRIVER - WHO KILLED A MOTHER OF TWO. THE CRASH HAPPENED TUESDAY NIGHT AT ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK ON MORAGA ROAD. POLICE SAY 56- YEAR OLD GORDEAP CAUR HAD JUST BEEN DROPPED OFF ACROSS THE STREET FROM HER HOME. SHE MADE IT ACROSS THREE LANES OF TRAFFIC BEFORE SOMEONE HIT HER - THEN DROVE OFF. THE MORAGA POLICE CHIEF SAYS HE IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO CATCH THE KILLER. A PIECE OF THE CAR'S BUMPER WAS FOUND AT THE SCENE. POLICE SAY IT IS A RED OR MAROON JAGUAR XJ6 OR XJ8 AND IS A 1995 TO 2003 MODEL. THEY SAY IT WILL LIKELY HAVE FRONT END DAMAGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT A STATE PAROLE BOARD IN SACRAMENTO IS SET TO HEAR A REDWOOD CITY MAN'S PLEA TO STOP HIS EXECUTION NEXT WEEK. THE CLEMENCY PETITION - FILED BY 61 YEAR-OLD DONALD BEARDSLEE - IS ONE OF HIS LAST CHANCES TO BLOCK HIS EXECUTION AT SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON. A JURY CONVICTED HIM FOR THE 19-81 MURDER OF TWO SAN MATEO COUNTY WOMEN. BEARDSLEE IS ASKING FOR MERCY - SAYING HE SUFFERED LIFELONG BRAIN DAMAGE - WHICH WAS NOT REVEALED IN HIS TRIAL. THE PAROLE BOARD WILL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AND THEN SEND IT TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER FOR A FINAL DECISION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT NEW INFORMATION THIS MORNING. ABOUT THE MAN FREMONT POLICE SHOT AND KILLED WEDNESDAY NIGHT. HE WAS RELEASED FROM STATE PRISON TEN DAYS AGO. POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE SUSPECT AS PHILIP CREASER. OFFICERS SHOT AND KILLED HIM BECAUSE THEY SAY HE APPEARED TO BE HOLDING SOME SORT OF WEAPON AND WAS THREATENING TO KILL A TEENAGER HE HAD TAKEN HOSTAGE. CREASER WAS DECLARED DEAD AT THE SCENE. FREMONT INVESTIGATORS DID NOT FIND A WEAPON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS IN HAYWARD ARE STILL WORKING TO FIND THE SUSPECT AND THE REASON FOR A DEADLY SHOOTING LAST NIGHT. SOMEONE GUNNED DOWN A MAN IN HIS SIXTIES WHEN HE CAME OUTSIDE TO CHECK ON A NOISE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT WE BEGIN WITH DEVELOPING NEWS ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S EMBATTLED SECRETARY OF STATE. KEVIN SHELLEY NOW FACES AN AUDIT BY A FEDERAL COMMISSION THAT DISTRIBUTES ELECTION REFORM MONEY TO STATES. THIS MORNING THAT COMMISSION VOTED TO LOOK INTO 180 MILLION DOLLARS IN QUESTIONABLE EXPENDITURES BY SHELLEY'S OFFICE. A STATE AUDIT RELEASED LAST MONTH SAID SHELLEY, WHO IS A DEMOCRAT, MISMANAGED FUNDS - USING SOME OF IT TO PAY EMPLOYEES AND CONSULTANTS FOR ATTENDING PARTISAN EVENTS. THE STATE AUDIT SAID BECAUSE OF POOR MANAGEMENT CALIFORNIA MAY NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS TO GET MORE THAN 3 BILLION IN FUNDING TO UPDATE ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS. TODAY'S NEWS OF THE FEDERAL AUDIT IS JUST THE LATEST BLOW TO SHELLEY WHO IS ALSO FACING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS OVER HIS HIRING PRACTICES AND CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING. WE'LL HAVE MUCH MORE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS TONIGHT ON NBC11 NEWS AT FIVE AND SIX

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT MURDER CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST THE MAN ACCUSED OF CAUSING YESTERDAY'S DEADLY TRAIN DERAILMENT NEAR LOS

ANGELES. AT LEAST 11 PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN A COMMUNTER TRAIN STRUCK A JEEP ON THE TRACKS
ONE PERSON IS MISSING. KYUNG LAH FROM OUR N-B-C STATION IN LOS ANGELES IS LIVE AT THE SCENE

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

DOZENS MORE PROSPECTIVE JURORS ARE IN COURT TODAY - AS JURY SELECTION CONTINUES THIS MORNING IN THE MICHAEL JACKSON CHILD MOLESTATION TRIAL.

THE SINGER WAVED AT SCREAMING FANS OUTSIDE THE COURT IN SANTA MARIA YESTERDAY. BY THE END OF THE DAY MORE THAN 300- PEOPLE WERE ASKED IF THEY COULD SPEND UP TO SIX MONTHS SERVING ON THE JURY. THE JUDGE DISMISSED ONE WOMAN BECAUSE SHE IS EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT. JACKSON FACES TEN COUNTS OF CHILD ABUSE - AND ONE COUNT OF CONSPIRACY. HE SAYS HE IS INNOCENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

A TRAIN ACCIDENT IN BERKELEY EARLY THIS MORNING KILLED A WOMAN AT A CROSSING.IT HAPPENED ABOUT 2-45. POLICE SAY THE TRAIN WAS HEADED FROM ROSEVILLE TO OAKLAND - WHEN IT HIT THE WOMAN AT THE BANCROFT AND THIRD CROSSING. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE WOMAN WAS EITHER IN A WHEELCHAIR OR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIR. THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE WOMAN GOT ON THE TRACKS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON WHETHER TO TEMPORARILY STOP ISSUING PERMITS FOR MASSAGE PARLORS TONIGHT.THE VOTE COMES AFTER THE CITY LEARNED LAST WEEK SOME ESTABLISHMENTS SERVE AS FRONTS FOR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES - LIKE PROSTITUTION. THE MEASURE WOULD BAN NEW PERMITS FOR 45 DAYS WHILE THE CITY MAKES SURE THEY ARE LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

A VALLEJO FAMILY IS MOURNING THE DEATH OF A SIX-YEAR OLD GIRL, AND KEEPING AN ANXIOUS WATCH OVER HER CRITICALLY INJURED OLDER SISTER, AFTER THEY WERE HIT BY A CAR.THE GIRLS WERE WALKING TO SCHOOL, AND WERE IN A CROSSWALK AT TENNESSEE AND SUTTER STREETS WHEN THEY WERE HIT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

A SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER NOW FACES TWO FELONY CHARGES OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD.STEPHEN GALLAGHER WILL BE IN COURT THIS AFTERNOON FOR ARRAIGNMENT.THIS IS VIDEO OF GALLAGHER WORKING FOR THE CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARRESTED

THE 22- YEAR VETERAN - AND BOOKED HIM WITHOUT BAIL YESTERDAY IF CONVICTED - GALLAHER FACES UP TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON - AND WOULD HAVE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

A SHOCKING DISCOVERY IN THE BACKYARD OF AN EAST PALO ALTO HOME
POLICE SAY THEY FOUND A BODY THAT COULD BE A MISSING WOMAN THEY HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR. POLICE WERE FOLLOWING UP ON A MISSING PERSONS REPORT WHEN THEY FOUND THE BODY ON THURSDAY MORNING. THEY HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THAT THE BODY THEY FOUND IS THE MISSING WOMAN. POLICE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A SILVER FORD TAURUS THAT MAY PROVIDE CLUES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

PEOPLE IN FREMONT PACKED A MEETING ABOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO CHANGE ITS RESPONSE TO BURGLAR ALARMS. THE CHIEF SAYS HIS OFFICERS WILL NOT RESPOND TO THE ALARMS UNLESS THERE IS A VERIFICATION OF A CRIME.
HE SAYS BUDGET CUTS HAVE LEFT HIM WITH LITTLE MANPOWER TO RESPOND TO EVERY BURGLAR ALARM - ESPECIALLY WHEN 98- PERCENT ARE FALSE ALARMS.
COMPLICATING THE MATTER - THE THEFT OF 34 GUNS ON WEDNESDAY FROM A SHOP WITH AN ALARM. THE OWNER SAYS PUBLICIZING THE UPCOMING POLICY CHANGE MAY HAVE GIVEN SOMEONE THE WRONG IDEA. THE NEW ALARM POLICY GOES INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 18TH. OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO PANIC, DURESS, MEDICAL AND ARMED- ROBBERY ALARM CALLS

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

AN ENTIRE FAMILY IS RECOVERING THIS MORNING AFTER POICE SAY A MAN DELIBERATELY RAN THEM OVER WITH HIS CAR. IT HAPPENED IN SUNNYVALE
POLICE SAY 37-YEAR OLF NGAI FUNG FONG OF SUNNYVALE RAN DOWN THE FAMILY OF FOUR - NOT ONCE - BUT TWICE. POLICE SAY FONG DROVE ONTO THE SIDEWALK - HITTING ALL FOUR PEOPLE. THE MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED WAS A FIVE YEAR OLD BOY. POLICE NOW SAY THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FAMILY AND FONG. THEY SAY FONG WAS IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISPUTE JUST MOMENTS EARLIER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

POLICE IN FLORIDA BELIEVE THEY HAVE FOUND THE MOTHER OF A NEWBORN WHO WAS THROWN OUT OF A MOVING CAR YESTERDAY. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO RELEASE DETAILS WITHIN THE HOUR. AMAZINGLY, THE BABY SURVIVED. THE 8 POUND BOY'S UMBILICAL CORD WAS STILL ATTACHED, WHEN HE WAS FOUND ON A BUSY ROAD NORTH OF FORT

LAUDERDALE. A GOOD SAMARITAN SAW A CAR SLOW DOWN, THEN SHE SAW A COUPLE THROW SOMETHING OUT OF THEIR CAR WINDOW. SHE FIRST THOUGHT IT WAS A DOG, THEN WAS HORRIFIED TO DISCOVER IT WAS A BABY WRAPPED IN A PLASTIC BAG. POLICE CAME TO THE SCENE AND WERE SURPRISED AT THE BABY'S CONDITION. DOCTORS SAY THE BABY WAS LESS THAN AN HOUR OLD. THE BABY IS IN STABLE CONDITION AND RECOVERING IN THE HOSPITAL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

A CALIFORNIA MAN IS IN CUSTODY THIS MORNING - ACCUSED OF AN ATTEMPTED FIREBOMBING CONNECTED TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL EXTREMIST GROUP. A JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE ARRESTED 21 YEAR OLD RYAN DANIEL LEWIS FOR ATTEMPTED ARSON AT AN OFFICE BUILDING THAT WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN AUBURN. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE HE WAS WORKING FOR THE EARTH LIBERATION FRONT - AN UNDERGROUND GROUP TIED TO ECO- TERRORISM. INVESTIGATORS ARE NOW TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IF LEWIS IS CONNECTED TO TWO OTHER ECO- TERROR INCIDENTS IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA ONE HAPPENED EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN SOMEONE SET A SERIES OF FIRES AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN SUTTER CREEK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

A BAY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAGUED WITH CRIME IS SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS. BUT NOT EVERYBODY LIKES ONE OF THE IDEAS BEING PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WANT TO USE CAMERAS IN CERTAIN HOT SPOTS IN THE BAYVIEW DISTRICT THEY SAY THE CAMERAS WILL PROVIDE EVIDENCE INVESTIGATORS NEED TO MAKE ARRESTS. MANY PEOPLE LIVING IN THE BAYVIEW LIKE THE IDEA BUT TECHNOLOGY WATCH DOG GROUPS SAY IT'S A STEP TOWARD A SURVEILLANCE SOCIETY. THEY ALSO CLAIM CAMERAS DON'T DETER CRIME.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER CARY VERSE WILL SOON MOVE TO HIS PERMANENT HOME IN THE EAST BAY TOWN OF BAY POINT. A JUDGE RULED YESTERDAY VERSE CAN MOVE INTO A COTTAGE THERE. THE DECISION COMES AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING - WHERE DOZENS OF BAY-POINT RESIDENTS PLEADED AGAINST LETTING VERSE MOVE INTO THEIR COMMUNITY. VERSE WAS RELEASED FROM A STATE HOSPITAL ABOUT A YEAR AGO, AFTER COMPLETING A REHABILITATION PROGRAM. SINCE THEN - HE'S BOUNCED FROM LOCATION TO LOCATION - MOST RECENTLY LANDING IN A SAN JOSE HOTEL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE A-T-F IS JOINING SOUTH BAY FIREFIGHTERS IN AN EMOTIONALLY TOUGH INVESTIGATION THIS MORNING THEY ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT

EXACTLY HOW A SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE CAPTAIN DIED YESTERDAY WHILE BATTLING A HOUSE FIRE

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT RICHMOND POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT THEY SAY TRIED TO BREAK INTO AN ATM THIS MORNING-- USING A BACKHOE! THIS IS WHAT'S LEFT OF A WASHINGTON MUTUAL ATM. POLICE SAY A SUSPECT STOLE A BACKHOE FROM A NEARBY CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND RAMMED IT INTO THE ATM, IN AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE THE MONEY. BUT, THE SUSPECT DIDN'T GET ANY. INVESTIGATORS DON'T HAVE MUCH INFORMATION ON A SUSPECT. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, CALL THE RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT A SUNNYVALE MAN ACCUSED OF TRYING TO RUN DOWN A FAMILY OF FOUR WITH HIS CAR IS EXPECTED TO BE ARRAIGNED THIS AFTERNOON. 37 YEAR OLD NGAI FUNG FONG IS BEING CHARGED WITH MORE THAN TEN FELONY COUNTS - INCLUDING ATTEMPTED MURDER. POLICE SAY AFTER HITTING THE FAMILY - NOT ONCE - BUT TWICE LAST WEEK- FONG LEFT THE SCENE HE WAS QUICKLY ARRESTED. POLICE SAY THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FONG AND THE FAMILY - BUT POLICE SAY FONG WAS INVOLVED IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALL A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE CRASH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT POP STAR MICHAEL JACKSON IS BACK IN COURT THIS MORNING. HE ARRIVED AT THE SANTA MARIA COURTHOUSE WITH HIS ENTOURAGE AND LAWYER. HE WAVED TO SCREAMING FANS BEFORE ENTERING THE BUILDING. ATTORNEYS TODAY ARE BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF PICKING 12 JURORS AND 8 ALTERNATES FROM A POOL OF NEARLY 250. JACKSON IS ACCUSED OF MOLESTING A 13 YEAR OLD FORMER CANCER PATIENT - GIVING THE BOY ALCOHOL - AND CONSPIRING TO HOLD HE AND HIS FAMILY CAPTIVE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN SUSPECTED OF FORCING HIS WAY INTO AN APARTMENT IN EL CERRITO AND TERRORIZING THE PEOPLE INSIDE. OFFICERS ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE A RANDOM ATTACK. IT HAPPENED AT ABOUT EIGHT ON MONDAY NIGHT. A MASKED MAN WITH A GUN BARGED INTO AN APARTMENT ON LIBERTY STREET WHEN A WOMAN ANSWERED THE DOOR. HE RAPED ONE WOMAN AND ATTACKED HER ROOMMATE- BEFORE TAKING OFF IN THEIR CAR. POLICE LATER FOUND THE CAR IN RICHMOND. OFFICERS SAY AN ATTACK LIKE THIS IS RARE. EL CERRITO POLICE ASK ANYONE WHO SAW THE MAN IN THE WHITE MONTE CARLO ON MONDAY NIGHT TO CALL THEM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT BERKELEY POLICE RELEASED A SKETCH OF A MAN SUSPECTED OF

SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TWO WOMEN. POLICE SAY THE MAN ATTACKED A WOMAN FRIDAY MORNING IN THE AREA OF DELAWARE AND SAN PABLO. HE IS DESCRIBED AS A MAN IN HIS 20s - JUST OVER SIX FEET TALL - AND 170 POUNDS. POLICE SAY HE MAY BE THE SAME PERSON WHO ATTACKED A WOMAN IN BERKELEY EARLIER THIS MONTH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS SEARCHING FOR TWO MEN IN A HOME INVASION CASE. IT HAPPENED AT AROUND 9:30 LAST NIGHT IN MARTINEZ ON LEMON STREET. THE MEN SPRAYED A MAN AND A WOMAN IN A HOME WITH A MACE- LIKE SUBSTANCE AND STOLE A SAFE THE MAN AND WOMAN WERE TREATED FOR MINOR INJURIES. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING AND TRYING TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUSPECTS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A VIOLENT ATTACK ON A WOMAN THAT HAPPENED EARLY THIS MORNING ACCORDING TO POLICE, SHE WAS BEATEN AND RAPED IN THE CITY AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION POLICE SAY THE WOMAN WAS THEN DROPPED OFF IN LAFAYETTE - WHERE AUTHORITIES FOUND HER POLICE DO NOT HAVE A SUSPECT YET

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT THE FAMILY OF A SAN JOSE MAN, SHOT AND KILLED BY A STATE NARCOTICS AGENT IN A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY, WILL MARK THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH TONIGHT FAMILY MEMBERS WILL HOLD A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR RUDY CARDENAS HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE AS HE RAN FROM STATE NARCOTICS AGENTS THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE CHASING A FUGITIVE PAROLEE MIKE WALKER - THE AGENT INVOLVED - FACES MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT SERIOUS CHARGES OF NEGLECT AND MISMANAGEMENT AT THE OAKLAND ANIMAL SHELTER WILL BE THE FOCUS OF A TOWN HALL FORUM TONIGHT. CITY LEADERS WILL LISTEN TO CITIZEN CONCERNS ABOUT REPORTS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY , QUESTIONABLE EUTHANASIA PRACTICES - AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE SHELTER. THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY PUT THE ACTING SUPERVISOR ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WHILE IT INVESTIGATES THE ALLEGATIONS. TONIGHT'S MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT SEVEN IN THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/21/2005 REPORTED THAT THANKS TO D-N-A TESTING - MORE THAN 150 INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON. THEY ALL HAD BEEN LOCKED UP FOR CRIMES THEY DID NOT COMMIT. PETER J. ROSE SPENT 10 YEARS IN PRISON - CONVICTED OF A RAPE IN LODI BUT D-N-A TESTING PROVED HIM INNOCENT - TWICE - AND THIS WEEKEND PETER ROSE BECAME A FREE

MAN. ONE OF HIS ATTORNEYS IS JANICE BRICKELY WITH THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INNOCENCE PROJECT AT GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/22/2005 REPORTED THAT AFTER TWO WEEKS OF DELAYS - JURY SELECTION IS BACK ON TODAY IN THE MICHAEL JACKSON MOLESTATION TRIAL. THE POP STAR ARRIVED AT THE COURTHOUSE IN SANTA MARIA JUST A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO. THIS MORNING THE JUDGE APOLOGIZED TO JURORS AND ASSURED THEM--- THERE WAS NO COORDINATED PLOT TO DELAY THE POP STAR'S TRIAL. JURY SELECTION WAS ABRUPTLY DELAYED LAST WEEK WHEN JACKSON WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL WITH FLU- LIKE SYMPTOMS. OF THE PROSPECTIVE JURORS WHO COULD SERVE ON THE JACKSON CASE-- FOUR OUT OF EVERY FIVE ARE PARENTS- A FACT THAT COULD INFLUENCE JUROR'S OPINIONS ON JACKSON.LEGAL ANALYSTS SAY THAT FACT COULD SWING EITHER WAY FOR THE ENTERTAINER. HE IS CHARGED WITH MOLESTING A TEENAGE BOY AND GIVING HIM ALCOHOL. HE HAS PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/24/2005 REPORTED THAT A TEACHING INTERN FROM SACRAMENTO IS ON LEAVE THIS MORNING - ACCUSED OF HAVING A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH AN UNDERAGE STUDENT. POLICE SAY THEY CAUGHT MARGARET DE BARRAICUA AND A 16- YEAR OLD BOY IN THE ACT OVER THE WEEKEND. IT HAPPENED WHILE THE TWO WERE PARKED IN HER CAR BEHIND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POLICE DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP AS CONSENSUAL. THEY ALSO SAY THE TEACHER'S BABY WAS IN THE BACK SEAT AT THE TIME. DE BARRAICUA IS MARRIED. HER CHILD IS NOW IN THE FATHER'S CUSTODY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/28/2005 REPORTED THAT THE MAN POLICE IN WICHITA KANSAS THINK IS THE INFAMOUS B-T-K KILLER HAS REPORTEDLY CONFESSED TO KILLING AT LEAST SIX PEOPLE. AUTHORITIES ARRESTED 59- YEAR OLD DENNIS RADER ON FRIDAY ON THE TODAY SHOW THIS MORNING - INVESTIGATORS TOLD MATT LAUER THEY CANNOT CONFIRM HOW THEY WERE LED RADAR.RADAR'S PASTOR AT A LUTHERAN CHURCH SAID THE CONGREGATION WAS SHOCKED BY THE NEWS. B-T-K STANDS FOR BIND- TORTURE- AND KILL - A NAME THE SERIAL KILLER CALLED HIMSELF AS HE TAUNTED INVESTIGATORS IN KANSAS DURING THE 19-70S AND 80S.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/28/2005 REPORTED THAT SEARCHERS IN FLORIDA ARE IN THEIR FIFTH DAY OF LOOKING FOR A MISSING NINE YEAR OLD GIRL JESSICA LUNSFORD DISAPPEARED FROM HER BEDROOM IN HOMOSASSA LAST WEEK.OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING BACK IN AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE ALREADY INSPECTED BUT THEY SAY THEY STILL DON'T HAVE A GOOD CLUE OF WHERE SHE COULD BE. WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN ROUGH ON SEARCHERS. YESTERDAY, POLICE AND OVER 500 VOLUNTEERS KEPT LOOKING YESTERDAY DESPITE RAIN AND A TORNADO WATCH. THE COUNTY SHERIFF SAYS THIS WILL LIKELY BE THE LAST DAY OF A FULL-BLOWN SEARCH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/02/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE NEED HELP FINDING A MAN SUSPECTED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TWO TEENAGERS OVER THE WEEKEND. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE GIRLS WERE WALKING ALONG SENTER ROAD SUNDAY -WHEN THE MAN OFFERED THEM A RIDE. THIS IS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF THE SUSPECT STOPPING FOR BEER. POLICE SAY HE THEN DROVE THE GIRLS TO A PARK AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED THEM. THEY ESCAPED AND FLAGGED DOWN A PASSING CAR. INVESTIGATORS RELEASED THIS SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT. HE IS DESCRIBED AS A HISPANIC MAN IN HIS 30s - ABOUT 5- 8 -170 POUNDS. HE MAY BE DRIVING A DARK BLUE VAN - SIMILAR TO A 19-90s AEROSTAR WITH TINTED REAR WINDOWS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS ASKED TO CONTACT SAN JOSE POLICE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS SAY D-N-A LINKS A MAN WHO KILLED HIMSELF TO A DOUBLE MURDER AT THE HOME OF A FEDERAL JUDGE. POLICE IN CHICAGO SAY A CIGARETTE BUTT FOUND AT JUDGE JOAN LEFKOW'S HOME MATCHES BART ROSS. ROSS SHOT HIMSELF DURING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP WEDNESDAY IN WISCONSIN. LATER, POLICE FOUND A NOTE ROSS LEFT BEHIND. IT REFERS TO A LAWSUIT JUDGE LEFKOW DISMISSED IN JANUARY. ROSS HAD CANCER AND WAS SUING A HOSPITAL FOR A BILLION DOLLARS. IN THE NOTE, HE SAID, "JUDGE LEFKOW WAS NUMBER ONE TO KILL BECAUSE SHE FINISHED ME OFF". ROSS WROTE WHEN HE WENT TO HER HOME - THE JUDGE'S HUSBAND SAW HIM - SO HE SHOT HIM ALONG WITH THE JUDGE'S MOTHER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT A FORMER SOUTH BAY JUDGE IS IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW AGAIN THIS MORNING. WILLIAM DANSER - WHO WAS CONVICTED LAST YEAR OF FIXING TRAFFIC TICKETS FOR FRIENDS AND PRO ATHLETES - IS IN JAIL THIS MORNING. THIS TIME HE IS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING HIS PROBATION. JAIL OFFICIALS SAY DANSER WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - BUT THEY CANNOT TELL US WHAT THE VIOLATION WAS. THEY ALSO TELL US DANSER WILL PROBABLY STAY IN THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY JAIL UNTIL AT LEAST SUNDAY. DANSER IS BANNED FROM SITTING ON THE BENCH FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT TWO BROTHERS WILL BE FORMALLY SENTENCED TODAY FOR FIVE EAST BAY MURDERS. A JURY HAS RECOMMENDED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR JUSTIN AND GLENN HELZER. THEY WERE FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING AND DISMEMBERING FIVE PEOPLE IN THE SUMMER OF 2000 - AND DUMPING THEIR BODIES IN THE DELTA. ONE OF THE VICTIMS INCLUDED THE DAUGHTER OF BLUES GUITARIST ELVIN BISHOP.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT TWO BROTHERS WILL BE FORMALLY SENTENCED TODAY FOR FIVE

EAST BAY MURDERS. A JURY HAS RECOMMENDED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR JUSTIN AND GLENN HELZER. THEY WERE FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING AND DISMEMBERING FIVE PEOPLE IN THE SUMMER OF 2000 - AND DUMPING THEIR BODIES IN THE DELTA. ONE OF THE VICTIMS INCLUDED THE DAUGHTER OF BLUES GUITARIST ELVIN BISHOP.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD THIS MORNING, AFTER AN OVERNIGHT SHOOTING IN OAKLAND. IT HAPPENED AROUND MIDNIGHT ON HUNTER AVENUE AND SAINT ELMO DRIVE. POLICE SAY FOUR PEOPLE IN ALL WERE SHOT. INVESTIGATORS SAY THREE VICTIMS WERE IN A CAR, AND ONE WAS IN A HOME. TWO OF THE VICTIMS ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION AT HIGHLAND HOSPITAL. POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT LED UP TO THE SHOOTING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT SEALED RECORDS FROM THE SCOTT PETERSON TRIAL COULD BE RELEASED TODAY. IF THEY ARE, WE'LL LEARN WHY SCOTT PETERSON'S ATTORNEY ASKED FOR A NEW TRIAL. PETERSON'S DEFENSE TEAM CLAIMS PROSECUTORS WITHHELD EVIDENCE THAT COULD HAVE PROVED HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF HIS WIFE, LACI AND THEIR UNBORN SON. PETERSON IS SCHEDULED TO BE SENTENCED ON WEDNESDAY AFTER A JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY IN THE KILLINGS. THE JURY RECOMMENDED THE DEATH PENALTY. JUDGE ALFRED DELUCCHI COULD LOWER THE SENTENCE TO LIFE IN PRISON, BUT EXPERTS SAY THAT MOVE IS UNLIKELY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT A MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A JUDGE, COURT REPORTER AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTY IN ATLANTA ON FRIDAY MAY APPEAR IN FEDERAL COURT AS EARLY AS TODAY. BRIAN NICHOLS IS ALSO SUSPECTED IN THE DEATH OF A CUSTOMS AGENT - DURING A TWO-DAY CRIME SPREE THAT ENDED SATURDAY WITH NICHOL'S SURRENDER. NICHOLS IS BEING HELD ON A FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE WHILE PROSECUTORS SORT OUT THEIR CASE. MEANWHILE THE WOMAN NICHOLS HELD HOSTAGE IS TALKING ABOUT THE TERRIFYING SEVEN-HOUR ORDEAL. ASHLEY SMITH SAYS NICHOLS CONFESSED TO THE KILLINGS AND THE TWO EVEN WATCHED TELEVISION REPORTS ABOUT THE MANHUNT. SHE THEN MADE PLEAS FOR HER LIFE - AND TO SEE HER YOUNG DAUGHTER. IN THE MORNING - NICHOLS LET SMITH LEAVE TO VISIT HER DAUGHTER. POLICE SAY THAT'S WHEN SHE CALLED 9-1-1. SWAT TEAMS CONVERGED ON THE APARTMENT - ARRESTING NICHOLS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT POLICE IN WISCONSIN ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT LED A MAN TO OPEN FIRE AT A CHURCH GATHERING THIS WEEKEND. 44-YEAR-OLD TERRY RATZMANN IS ACCUSED OF KILLING SEVEN PEOPLE AND WOUNDING FOUR OTHERS BEFORE KILLING HIMSELF. IT HAPPENED SATURDAY - INSIDE A HOTEL DURING A CHURCH SERVICE. INVESTIGATORS

SAY RATZMANN MAY HAVE BEEN UPSET OVER AN EARLIER SERMON AND HE WAS ABOUT TO LOSE HIS JOB AS A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER. RATZMANN WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION AND DID NOT LEAVE A NOTE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT JURY SELECTION BEGINS TODAY IN A SEX ABUSE CASE AGAINST THE OAKLAND DIOCESE. TWO FORMER ALTAR BOYS ALLEGE CHURCH LEADERS ALLOWED A KNOWN PEDOPHILE PRIEST TO MOLEST THEM IN THE LATE 19-70'S AND EARLY 19-80'S AT SAINT IGNATIUS CHURCH. THE ALAMEDA COUNTY LAWSUIT - ALONG WITH A SEPARATE SUIT IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS WEEK - ARE THE FIRST TWO CIVIL CASES TO REACH TRIAL - UNDER A 2002 STATE LAW. THE LAW TEMPORARILY LIFTS THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - AGAINST RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT GAVE KNOWN CHILD MOLESTERS ACCESS TO MORE VICTIMS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/15/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO'S DEADLY DOG MAULING CASE IS HEADED BACK TO COURT TODAY. AN APPEALS COURT WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS INVOLVING DEFENDANT MARJORIE KNOLLER. KNOLLER, AND HER HUSBAND, ROBERT NOEL, WERE CONVICTED BACK IN 2002 IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOG MAULING DEATH OF THEIR NEIGHBOR DIANE WHIPPLE. KNOLLER WAS ORIGINALLY CONVICTED OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER AND INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, BUT A JUDGE LATER TOSSED OUT THE MURDER CONVICTION. TODAY PROSECUTORS WILL FIGHT TO HAVE THE MURDER CONVICTION RE-INSTATED. MEANWHILE, KNOLLER'S ATTORNEYS WILL URGE A JUDGE TO TOSS OUT HER MANSLAUGHTER CONVICTION. BOTH KNOLLER AND NOEL ARE NOW OUT ON PAROLE.

DIVERSITY

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT A REPORTED KU KLUX KLAN LEADER PLEADED NOT GUILTY THIS MORNING TO THREE KILLINGS THAT INSPIRED THE MOVIE MISSISSIPPI BURNING. POLICE ARRESTED 79-YEAR OLD EDGAR RAY KILLEN AT HIS NESHABA COUNTY HOME IN MISSISSIPPI. THE REPUTED K-K-K MEMBER IS ACCUSED OF KILLING THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WHO WERE REGISTERING BLACK VOTERS BACK IN 1964 THE LOCAL SHERIFF SAYS THERE COULD BE MORE ARRESTS.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 1/9/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. CLAYBORN CARSON, THE DR. AND PROFESSOR OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING PAPERS PROJECT. DR. CLAYBORN CARSON SPOKE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MLK AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY. PRESIDENT KENNEDY HELPED IN GETTING MLK RELEASED FROM PRISON, WHICH LED MANY BLACK PEOPLE VOTED FOR HIM. MLK NEVER PUBLICALLY SHOWED FAVORITISM TO EITHER KENNEDY OR NIXON. DR. CLAYBORN CARSON ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO JOIN HIM AT THE CELEBRATION AND BOOK SIGNING ON JAN 14 AT NOON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT FLEET WEEK IS STILL MONTHS AWAY, BUT PREPARATIONS ARE ALREADY GETTING STARTED. MEMBERS OF THE BLUE ANGELS - THE FAMOUS NAVY AIR SHOW TEAM - ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO YESTERDAY. AFTER A YEAR OFF, THEY ARE GETTING READY TO RETURN TO THIS YEAR'S FLEET WEEK IN OCTOBER. MORE THAN A MILLION SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED ALONG THE SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT TO WATCH THE FLEET WEEK AIR SHOW THIS YEAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF BAY AREA DOCTORS LEAVES TODAY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA TO HELP TSUNAMI VICTIMS. 300 KAISER EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERED TO GO. SEVEN DOCTORS WERE SELECTED. TWO OF THEM LEAVE FOR SRI LANKA TODAY. THE REST LEAVE NEXT WEEK. THE DOCTORS WERE CHOSEN BECAUSE THEY SPEAK THE LOCAL LANGUAGES AND HAVE DISASTER RELIEF EXPERIENCE. SOME WILL BE OVERSEAS FOR UP TO A MONTH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO DOG OWNERS MUST NOW FOLLOW NEW LAWS - REQUIRING THEM TO TREAT THEIR PETS HUMANELY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASSED STRICTER, MORE SPECIFIC RULES YESTERDAY. OWNERS MUST NOW PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND WATER - AND IT MUST BE CHANGED AT LEAST ONCE A DAY. ALL DOG HOUSES MUST HAVE A ROOF - A FLOOR - AND THREE WALLS. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICIALS SAY ABOUT HALF OF ALL ANIMAL ABUSE CASES CITY-WIDE ARE NOT PROSECUTED BECAUSE CURRENT STANDARDS ARE TOO VAGUE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT THE WIDOW OF REGGAE LEGEND BOB MARLEY HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO MOVE THE SINGER'S REMAINS FROM JAMAICA. RITA MARLEY SAYS HE WILL BE LAID TO REST - AGAIN - IN A RASTAFARIAN TOWN SOUTH OF ETHIOPIA. MARLEY WAS A DEVOUT RASTAFARIAN - AS ARE MANY JAMAICANS. HIS WIFE SAYS MARLEY'S WHOLE LIFE WAS ABOUT AFRICA.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 1/31/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DIANA RUETER, A CLIENT OF COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, JUDGE SHARON CHAPMAN AND LISA DESILVA, THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS. DIANA SPOKE OF HER EXPERIENCE AND HOW COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS HELPED HER TO PREPARE FOR SUCCESS AND LEARN NECESSARY LIFE SKILLS AFTER BEING ESTRANGED FROM HER BIRTH FAMILY. LISA, HELPED TO OVERSEE DIANA THROUGH THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS MANY OTHER TROUBLED FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY. JUDGE SHARON SPOKE OF HER WORK WITH TROUBLED FAMILIES THROUGH MENTAL ILLNESS PROGRAMS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT THE NATION'S FIRST HISPANIC- AMERICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORTED FOR HIS FIRST DAY OF WORK THIS MORNING. ALBERTO GONZALES WAS SWORN IN YESTERDAY - AFTER CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE THE VOTE WAS 60 TO 36 - AND IS THE SECOND LARGEST NO VOTE FOR AN ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINEE. THE ONLY ONE LARGER WAS FOR HIS PREDECESSOR; JOHN ASHCROFT. GONZALES PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL. CALIFORNIA SENATORS BARBARA BOXER AND DIANNE FEINSTEIN BOTH VOTED AGAINST THE NOMINATION

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT ACTOR OSSIE DAVIS, KNOWN FOR PLAYING ROLES DEALING WITH RACIAL INJUSTICE, HAS DIED AT THE AGE OF 87. DAVIS WROTE, ACTED, DIRECTED AND PRODUCED FOR THE THEATER AND HOLLYWOOD. HE WAS A LEADING FIGURE AMONG BLACK PERFORMERS OF THE LAST FIVE DECADES. DAVIS WAS FOUND DEAD TODAY IN HIS MIAMI HOTEL ROOM, WHERE HE WAS WORKING ON A FILM. HIS FREQUENT CO-STAR OVER THE YEARS WAS HIS WIFE, ACTRESS RUBY DEE. IN 2004, DAVIS AND DEE WERE AMONG THE ARTISTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE KENNEDY CENTER HONORS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO CITY OFFICIALS ARE BATTLING TO SAVE A LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH FROM BEING DEMOLISHED. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS TRYING TO GET THE SAINT BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH DESIGNATED AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK. THE ARCHDIOCESE PLANS TO DEMOLISH THE CHURCH, WHICH CLOSED A DECADE AGO. THE PLAN IS TO SELL THE LAND TO PAY FOR PRIEST- ABUSE SETTLEMENTS. ARCHDIOCESE OFFICIALS SAY THE CITY'S PETITION WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE CLAIMING STATE LAW ALLOWS RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO REJECT LANDMARK STATUS. CITY AND CHURCH OFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION ON FEBRUARY 18TH.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 2/6/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. RAY G. RICHARDSON AND TAMIKO JOHNSON. DR. RAY G. RICHARDSON IS THE CO-FOUNDER OF MARCUS BOOKS, AN ALL BLACK AUTHOR BOOKSTORE. THE STORE WAS OPENED IN 1960, IN THE MIDST OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. TAMIKO JOHNSON, DR. RICHARDSON'S GRANDDAUGHTER, SPOKE OF PROMINANT BOOKS FEATURED AT THE MARCUS BOOKSTORE SUCH AS *MY SOUL TO KEEP*.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 2/6/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH HUNG LAI AND LAM NGUYEN, TWO MEMBERS WORKING ON THE 2005 TET FESTIVAL. HUNG LAI, PLANNING COORDINATOR, AND LAM NGUYEN, FUNDRAISER AND RADIO SHOW PRODUCER, DESCRIBED THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR (TET) FESTIVAL BEING HELD AT THE SANTA CLARA FAIRGROUNDS. THE TWO EXPLAINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS 23RD ANNUAL TET FESTIVAL FOR THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE BAY AREA.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 2/6/05 FEATURED AN

INTERVIEW WITH LINDA HAN NGUYEN AND WINDY TRINH, TWO MEMBERS WORKING ON THE VIETNAMESE SPRING FESTIVAL AND PARADE. LINDA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VIETNAMESE SPRING FESTIVAL AND PARADE, INC. (VSF), SPOKE OF HOW THE PARADE ALLOWS PEOPLE TO ENJOY VIETNAMESE CULTURE AND FOOD AT NO CHARGE. LINDA AND WINDY TALKED ABOUT THE UPCOMING 8TH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL AND PARADE IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS PARENTS AND TEACHERS PACKED SCOTTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY LAST NIGHT, TO DEBATE WHAT SOME ARE CALLING A GAY AGENDA THERE. AT ISSUE-- POSTERS WITH MESSAGES OF RESPECTING ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES.MANY ARE DIVIDED ON THE MESSAGE IT'S SENDING KIDS. THE SCOTTS VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD HAS LAWYERS LOOKING TO SEE IF THESE POSTERS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE EDUCATION CODE - A LAW THAT SEEKS PROTECTION FOR MINORITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT IN COMMEMORATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH LOCAL LEADERS ARE BEING HONORED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. ONE SUCH LEADER -- VERONICA HUNNICUT -- WAS RECENTLY HONORED AT THE LOCAL HEROES AWARDS HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR HER COMMITMENT TO HELPING AT-RISK AND UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT IT'S BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM SPARKED CONTROVERSEY - ALLOWING GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES TO MARRY. THIS WEEKEND - MANY OF THOSE SAME COUPLES WILL GATHER AGAIN TO COMMEMORATE THE HISTORY MAKING EVENT NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND COUPLES LINED UP TO GET MARRIAGE LICENSES THEN THE STATE SUPREME COURT VOIDED THE UNIONS MAYOR NEWSOM ADMITS IT WAS NOT A SMART POLITICAL MOVE - BUT HE CLAIMS IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. COUPLES WILL GATHER FOR THE EQUALITY CALIFORNIA DINNER - SATURDAY NIGHT AT SIX - AT CITY HALL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT SAME SEX COUPLES ARE MARKING VALENTINES DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO BY TRYING TO GET THEIR MARRIAGES LEGALLY RECOGNIZED. COUPLES WILL GATHER ON THE STEPS OF SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL THIS AFTERNOON TO ASK FOR CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSES.THEY ALSO WANT TO THANK THE CITY FOR ITS SUPPORT OVER THE WEEKEND - COUPLES GATHERED IN SAN FRANCISCO - ALONG WITH MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM - TO CELEBRATE THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SAME SEX MARRIAGES IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE STATE SUPREME COURT EVENTUALLY INVALIDATED THE UNIONS - SAYING THE MAYOR HAD OVERSTEPPED HIS BOUNDS IN GRANTING LICENSES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/01/2005 REPORTED THAT THE TWO PEOPLE FOUND DEAD IN THE HOME OF A FEDERAL JUDGE IN CHICAGO ARE NOW IDENTIFIED AS THE JUDGE'S HUSBAND AND 89-YEAR OLD MOTHER. CHICAGO POLICE SAY US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JOAN LEFKOW DISCOVERED THE BODIES WHEN SHE CAME HOME FROM WORK LAST NIGHT. THE JUDGE HAS FACED THREATS IN THE PAST. SHE PRESIDED OVER THE CASE AGAINST MATTHEW HALE - AN ILLINOIS WHITE SUPREMACIST. HE WAS LATER CONVICTED OF TRYING TO HAVE JUDGE LEFKOW KILLED. IT'S NOT CLEAR WHETHER THAT CASE IS CONNECTED TO THE KILLINGS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/28/2005 REPORTED THAT INDIAN AMERICAN FAMILIES IN SILICON VALLEY SAY THEY FEEL THEY ARE BEING TARGETED BY BURGLARS. ACCORDING TO OUR PARTNERS AT THE MERCURY NEWS, SINCE DECEMBER, THE HOMES OF AT LEAST 14- INDIAN AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED. IT'S HAPPENED ON WEEKEND NIGHTS IN SUNNYVALE, CUPERTINO, SANTA CLARA AND WEST SAN JOSE. FAMILIES HAVE LOST ANYWHERE FROM THREE THOUSAND, TO 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS. POLICE IN SOME COMMUNITIES ARE MEETING WITH THE VICTIMS AND TRYING TO EASE THEIR FEARS.

NBC11, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00PM-3:30PM, 3/13/2005 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH PAUL VASQUEZ, A BOXER WHO IS SLOWLY CAPTURING THE BOXING WORLD, ALL BY HIMSELF. HE IS CURRENTLY TRAINING WITH OLYMPIC GOLD WINNER ANDRE WARD. HE HOPES TO ONE DAY BE THE WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/15/2005 REPORTED THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGE SUPPORTERS CELEBRATED IN THE STREETS-- HAILING THE DECISION AS A MAJOR VICTORY. THE STATE HAD ARGUED THE BAN WAS JUSTIFIED BECAUSE IT WAS BACKED BY TRADITION. THE JUDGE IN THE CASE ISSUED HIS RULING ON THE CASE YESTERDAY-- SAYING IN PART THAT SAME SEX MARRIAGE CANNOT BE PROHIBITED SIMPLY BECAUSE MARRIAGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN DEFINED AS BETWEEN A MAN AND WOMAN. BUT THIS COURTROOM BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET-- OPPONENTS TO GAY MARRIAGE ARE ALREADY VOWING TO APPEAL-- AND IT'S LIKELY THE ISSUE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE STATE'S SUPREME COURT. SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM KICKED OFF THE GAY MARRIAGE CONTROVERSY FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR WHEN HE ORDERED THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE TO ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENCES TO SAME SEX COUPLES. HE CELEBRATED YESTERDAY-- BUT ACKNOWLEDGED A LONG FIGHT AHEAD.

EDUCATION

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT THE SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE WHICH TWO SCHOOLS IT WILL CLOSE THIS AFTERNOON. ADMINISTRATORS WILL PICK TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FROM A LIST OF NINE. LAST MONTH, THE DISTRICT DECIDED TO SHUT DOWN STEINBECK MIDDLE SCHOOL. WE'LL BRING YOU THE LATEST ON THE DISTRICT'S DECISION TONIGHT AT FIVE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT MEANTIME, A NEW REPORT SAYS CALIFORNIA STUDENTS RANK LOWER IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT THAN STUDENTS IN MOST OTHER STATES. THE RAND CORPORATION ACCORDING TO A STUDY RELEASES THAT. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT CALIFORNIA'S PER-PUPIL SPENDING WAS AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE NATION. ITS STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO IS AMONG THE HIGHEST. THE STATE ALSO LAGS IN BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS. STATE SCHOOLS CHIEF JACK O'CONNELL SAYS THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IS UNDER FUNDED AND WANTS STATE LEADERS TO TAKE NOTE OF THE STUDY. THE STUDY DID FIND THAT NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IS CATCHING UP WITH OTHER STATES. THAT'S BECAUSE VOTERS HAVE APPROVED BILLION OF DOLLARS IN BONDS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PARENTS GATHERED AT A SOUTH BAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – VOICING THEIR OPINION TO TWO PLANNED SCHOOL CLOSURES. ONE BY ONE PARENTS ASKED QUESTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF. LAST WEEK - SAN JOSE UNIFIED RECOMMENDED THAT CORY AND RANDAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BE CLOSED. THEY SAY THE BUDGET CRISIS COUPLED WITH DECLINING ENROLLMENT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP ALL THE SCHOOLS OPEN. BUT PARENTS ARE OUTRAGED THAT RANDAL IS ON THE CLOSURE LIST BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY FOR ITS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. THE DISTRICT HAS FOUR CRITERIA FOR DECIDING WHICH SCHOOLS TO CLOSE. THEY INCLUDE FACILITIES - DEMOGRAPHICS - TRANSPORTATION - AND SAFETY. COST SAVINGS IS ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE DISTRICT SAYS STUDENT PERFORMANCE IS NOT A PART OF THE SELECTION PROCESS. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER FORUM THURSDAY NIGHT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT PARENTS AND TEACHERS IN OAKLAND ARE ANGRY ABOUT A PLAN TO TURN THIRTEEN SCHOOLS INTO CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE DISTRICT SAYS IT BECAUSE THE SCHOOLS ARE NOT MEASURING UP AND NEED TO BE REORGANIZED. HUNDREDS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS PACKED INTO A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING LAST NIGHT. BOARD MEMBER NOEL GALLO

SAYS THE DISTRICT IS TRYING TO MEET FEDERAL STANDARDS. TEACHERS SAY CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE OFTEN LESS SUCCESSFUL THAN TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS. THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A DECISION THIS SPRING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT PARENTS COULD BE HELD MORE ACCOUNTABLE IF THEIR KIDS DON'T SHOW UP AT SCHOOL. THESE PARENTS HAD TO GO A MEETING AT THE SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT YESTERDAY. THE DISTRICT SAYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE OFTEN ABSENT MORE THAN HIGH SCHOOLERS. AND THAT'S WHY PARENTS GOT A WARNING - THEY MUST KEEP THEIR KIDS IN SCHOOL - OR THE PARENTS COULD BE HELD CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE. SCHOOL OFFICIALS OFFER PARENTING CLASSES AND OTHER WAYS TO HELP GET ON TRACK. BUT FOR THOSE WHO IGNORE THE WARNINGS - POLICE DO HAVE THE POWER TO ARREST PARENTS FOR THEIR KID'S ONGOING TRUANCY.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 1/31/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH A CSMA STUDENT, AND ANGELA MCCONNELL, CSMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. CSMA OFFERS SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS TO THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY PROMOTING MUSIC FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. EMMA SPOKE OF HER EXPERIENCE IN THE PROGRAM AND HOW SHE WORKS TO PROMOTE CSMA BECAUSE OF ITS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR STUDENTS TO HAVE FUN WITH MUSIC.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 1/31/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DANIEL WOOD, QUADRE PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR. EXPLAINED HIS GROUP AS A BARBERSHOP QUARTET WITH BRASS. QUADRE HAS BEEN A GROUP FOR SEVEN YEARS, BEGINNING IN 1998, A GROUP WHO PERFORMS FOR THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC ARTS AND INSTRUCTS CHILDREN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT DESPITE STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM PARENTS - TWO SAN JOSE SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED. THE SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO CLOSE RANDOL AND CORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. STUDENTS FROM CORY WILL TRANSFER TO TRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. AND RANDOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - OFTEN RECOGNIZED FOR ITS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - WILL SHUT ITS DOORS AS WELL. THOSE STUDENTS WILL BEGIN ATTENDING ALLEN ELEMENTARY. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS BOTH WERE CHOSEN BECAUSE OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT - AND THE 10 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET HIT FROM THE STATE. THERE MAY BE MORE CHANGES FOR STUDENTS FROM RANDOL ELEMENTARY THE BOARD MAY RELOCATE THEM AND THE STUDENTS FROM ALLEN TO THE SITE OF STEINBECK MIDDLE SCHOOL - WHICH IS ALSO CLOSING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONSIDER AN

ORDINANCE TODAY THAT WOULD KEEP KIDS FROM VISITING CYBER CAFES TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES DURING SCHOOL HOURS. THE MOVE IS TO CRACK DOWN ON TRUANCY.
THE PROPOSAL WOULD BAN CHILDREN UNDER 17 FROM RENTING COMPUTERS TO PLAY GAMES DURING SCHOOL HOURS - AND AFTER 11-PM ON SOME WEEKNIGHTS.
CAFE OWNERS WHO VIOLATE THE LAW COULD FACE A 100- DOLLAR FINE - AND AS MUCH AS A 750 DOLLAR PENALTY FOR REPEAT OFFENSES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED
THAT THE BATTLE TO KEEP A MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL OPEN COULD COME TO AN END TODAY DISTRICT LEADERS COULD VOTE ON A PLAN TO CLOSE SLATER ELEMENTARY - AND RESTRUCTURE CASTRO ELEMENATARY DECLINING ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL TROUBLE ARE BEHIND THE MOVE TONIGHT'S VOTE COMES AFTER SEVERAL EMOTIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS DURING WHICH SLATER ELEMENTARY PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEADED WITH BOARD MEMBERS TO KEEP THEIR SCHOOL OPEN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED
THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD IN BENECIA MAY ALSO CLOSE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HUNDREDS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS ATTENDED A MEETING LAST NIGHT THEY LISTENED AS BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE COSTS OF RUNNING FIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THE BOARD WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE TO CLOSE ONE THE DISTRICT IS STRUGGLING TO TIGHTEN A ONE MILLION DOLLAR GAP
A DECISION IS EXPECTED SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED
THAT A DIFFERENT SITUATION IN RICHMOND HUNDREDS OF PARENTS WATCHED THE SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSS A RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL LAST NIGHT IT CENTERS ON TEN SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT MEETING FEDERAL STANDARDS UNDER A NEW PLAN - EACH SCHOOL WOULD ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO A LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TO OVERSEE THE SCHOOLS THE BOARD WILL HOLD ANOTHER SESSION NEXT TUESDAY TO TALK ABOUT THE PLAN AGAIN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED
THAT A LAST MINUTE APPEAL TO SAVE THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL PAID OFF FOR PARENTS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW . DOZENS OF PARENTS - TEACHERS - AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS GATHERED FOR A MARATHON MEETING LAST NIGHT ON CLOSING SLATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PARENTS PRESENTED A UNIQUE PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD ON HOW TO KEEP ALL SCHOOLS OPEN FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE YEAR. THE SCHOOL LEADERS LIKED WHAT THEY SAW. BOARD MEMBERS VOTED DOWN THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE SLATER WHILE THEY STUDY ALTERNATIVE PLANS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY WILL HAVE TO CLOSE TWO OR THREE SCHOOLS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, BECAUSE OF LOW ATTENDANCE. NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON WHAT SCHOOLS TO CLOSE BUT ADMINISTRATORS SAY DE AVILA ELEMENTARY IN THE HAIGHT - GOLDEN GATE ELEMENTARY IN THE WESTERN ADDITION - AND LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE EXCELSIOR DISTRICT COULD BE THE ONES TO CLOSE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE CLOSURES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT THE WEST CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT WANTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO TAKE CHARGE OF SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT PERFORMING. THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED LAST NIGHT TO GIVE THE SUPERINTENDENT DIRECT CONTROL OF 10 SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT THOSE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE TO BE RESTRUCTURED. THE BOARD REJECTED A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FROM TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL BOARD HELD A SPECIAL MEETING LAST NIGHT TO DEBATE HOW TO ADDRESS DECLINING ENROLLMENT AND A SHRINKING BUDGET. THE BOARD SAYS IT HAS NOT DECIDED WHAT SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE, IF ANY BUT MEMBERS SAY RELOCATING STUDENTS WOULD SAVE THE DISTRICT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISORS HAVE APPROVED AN ORDINANCE - TO KEEP CHILDREN FROM PLAYING VIDEO GAMES AT THE CITY'S COMPUTER CAFES - DURING SCHOOL HOURS. THE ORDINANCE IS MEANT TO CUT DOWN ON TRUANCY. IT PROHIBITS CHILDREN UNDER 17 FROM RENTING COMPUTERS TO PLAY GAMES DURING SCHOOL HOURS - AND AFTER 11 P-M ON SOME WEEKNIGHTS. CAFE OWNERS WHO VIOLATE THE LAW COULD FACE 100- DOLLAR FINES - AND AS MUCH AS 750 DOLLARS FOR REPEAT OFFENSES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE BENICIA SCHOOL BOARD TO VOTE ON CLOSING ONE OF IT'S SCHOOLS. MEMBERS WILL DECIDE WHICH OF IT'S FIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WILL NOT OPEN NEXT YEAR. LAST WEEK A CITIZENS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED CLOSING MILLS ELEMENTARY, BUT BOARD MEMBERS ARE STILL SPLIT ON THE ISSUE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT A SURPRISE DECISION IN MOUNTAIN VIEW ON A PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURE. THE MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL BOARD WAS LOOKING AT CLOSING SLATER SCHOOL - BUT OUR PARTNERS AT THE MERCURY

NEWS REPORT THEY ABRUPTLY DECIDED TO CONSIDER CLOSING CASTRO SCHOOL INSTEAD THAT BROUGHT HEATED DEBATE AND CRITICISM FROM ONE BOARD MEMBER WHO SAID CASTRO IS A BAD CHOICE BECAUSE ITS STUDENTS ARE MOSTLY FROM HOMES WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT A FIRST LANGUAGE. THE BOARD IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION SOMETIME IN LATE MARCH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/15/2005 REPORTED THAT BAY AREA TEACHERS WILL KNOW BY TODAY WHETHER OR NOT THEIR JOBS COULD BE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK. IN SAN JOSE - AT LEAST 500 TEACHERS EXPECT TO RECEIVE LAYOFF WARNINGS FROM THE EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. BUT THESE ARE JUST WARNINGS. THE DISTRICT TELLS OUR PARTNERS AT THE MERCURY NEWS FEWER THAN 200 TEACHERS WILL ACTUALLY BE LAID OFF. THE LAW REQUIRES THEY SEND OUT NOTICES BY TODAY TO TEACHERS WHO THEY MAY BE LET GO. THE MILPITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS HOPING TO AVOID LAYOFFS - BUT A PARCEL TAX MEASURE FAILED - SO IT IS NOW SENDING NOTICES TO NEARLY 60-TEACHERS. THE WEST CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT IS SENDING WARNINGS TO 65- TEACHERS -AND ALSO PLANS TO CUT SUPPLIES AND TRUANT OFFICERS. AND IN BENICIA - 23 TEACHERS WILL GET NOTICES. JOB CUTS COULD SAVE THE DISTRICT ALMOST ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT A FIRE BROKE OUT AROUND ONE A.M. AT THE DELTA UPSILON HOUSE AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY. FIRE FIGHTERS HAD IT UNDER CONTROL ABOUT AN HOUR LATER CLASSES ARE NOT IN SESSION - BUT THERE WERE STUDENTS LIVING IN THE FRATERNITY HOUSE. EVERYBODY MADE IT OUT OK. THE THIRTEEN PEOPLE WHO LIVE INSIDE THE HOME WILL HAVE TO FIND A NEW PLACE TO LIVE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE HOUSE IS NOT A TOTAL LOSS - AND CAN PROBABLY BE RE-BUILT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/07/2005 REPORTED THAT RELIEF EFFORTS CONTINUE AROUND THE BAY AREA. NIRMALA NAGALINGHAM'S GARAGE IN LOS GATOS IS FILLING UP WITH DONATED CLOTHING. SHE IS ORIGINALLY FROM SRI LANKA AND BELONGS TO A GROUP CALLED THE TAMIL REHAB ORGANIZATION. A FREIGHT COMPANY WILL PACK UP ALL OF THIS CLOTHING AND SHIP IT BACK HOME THIS WEEKEND.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, 01/9/05 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DUF SUNDHEIM OF THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY AND PAUL FONG OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMUNITY. BOTH PARTIES DISCUSSED THAT DESPITE THE DIFFERENCES AND SENSITIVITIES THAT SURROUNDED THIS ELECTION, IT IS TIME TO WORK TOGETHER TO MOVE ON. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THIS ELECTION WAS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SAYS HE PLANS TO CLOSE A 9-BILLION DOLLAR STATE DEFICIT - WITHOUT RAISING TAXES. THE GOVERNOR UNVEILED HIS NEW BUDGET YESTERDAY. THE PLAN INCREASES SPENDING TO 111-BILLION DOLLARS. BUT IT ALSO CLOSSES AN 8-BILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL. NOT THROUGH TAXES, BUT THROUGH PROGRAM CUTS AND A SPENDING CAP. THE BUDGET CALLS FOR CUTS IN SOME MAJOR AREAS, INCLUDING WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND DIVERTING MONEY FROM TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. THE BUDGET ALSO CALLS FOR CURBING GROWTH IN EDUCATION SPENDING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT THERE IS GROWING OPPOSITION THIS MORNING TO PLANS FOR AN INDIAN CASINO NEAR THE OAKLAND AIRPORT. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE SAYS HE IS AGAINST THE CASINOS. CASINO BACKERS SAY THE FACILITY WILL ADD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR TO CITY COFFERS. BUT RESIDENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT INCREASES IN CRIME AND TRAFFIC. THE CASINO PROPOSAL WILL BE ON THE AGENDA AGAIN WHEN THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETS TODAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT A POSSIBLE NEW CANDIDATE IN THE RACE FOR SAN JOSE MAYOR. NBC11 HAS LEARNED FORMER T-V REPORTER RIGO CHACON MAY RUN. CHACON ONCE WORKED AS A REPORTER FOR K-N-T-V. HE CURRENTLY RUNS A SMALL MEDIA CONSULTING BUSINESS - AND OVERSEES A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. CHACON SAYS HE HOPES TO BRING CHANGE TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST CITY. SAN JOSE CITY COUNCILMAN CHUCK REED FILED PAPERS YESTERDAY. OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES INCLUDE PAST AND PRESENT CITY LEADERS CINDY CHAVEZ - DAVE CORTESE - PAT DANDO - AND KEN YEAGER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT EMERGENCY WORKERS ARE BATTLING THE WEATHER - AS WELL AS TONS OF MUD AND DEBRIS - AS THEY SEARCH FOR VICTIMS OF A MASSIVE SLIDE IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOWN OF LA CONCHITA. AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE HAVE DIED - 12 WERE HURT - AND 21 MAY BE MISSING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT A RESCUE ATTEMPT NEARLY TURNED TO DISASTER IN SAN DIMAS. A RAFT CAPSIZED AS A RESCUER WAS TRYING TO SAVE A BABY. THE CURRENT TOOK BOTH OF THEM DOWNSTREAM. BUT A SECOND RESCUER HELP GRAB THE BABY. THE BABY WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL - AND WILL BE OK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT ANOTHER ONE TO TWO FEET OF NEW SNOW FELL OVERNIGHT UP IN THE SIERRA - AND MORE IS EXPECTED TODAY. BOREAL SKI RESORT REPORTS ONE OF THEIR BEST SEASONS ON RECORD. BUT GOOD NEWS FOR SKIERS IS BAD NEWS FOR DRIVERS. AND THE CHP IS BUSY NOT JUST WITH ACCIDENTS BUT WITH RESCUES AS WELL. DOZENS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LEFT STRANDED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT HIGH TIDES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY MADE FOR A SPECTACULAR VIEW FOR PEOPLE EATING BREAKFAST AT ONE SEASIDE RESTAURANT. TAKE A LOOK AS WAVES - SOME AS HIGH AS EIGHT FEET - CRASHED INTO THE WINDOWS WITHOUT GETTING ANYONE WET. THE WINDOWS ARE MADE FROM A SPECIAL, THREE-PANED GLASS THAT CAN WITHSTAND THE ENERGY OF THE POWERFUL WAVES. THE HIGH TIDES ARE EXPECTED TO STICK AROUND FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT THE NATIONAL GUARD IS TRYING TO REACH A NORTHERN ALASKAN TOWN THAT LOST POWER IN THE MIDDLE OF A HUGE WINTER STORM. RESIDENTS OF KACK-TOE-VICK ARE HOLED UP INSIDE THEIR HOMES AND THE TOWN'S SCHOOL-- WHICH IS BEING USED AS AN EVACUATION CENTER. TEMPERATURES HAVE DROPPED TO 17-DEGREES BELOW ZERO, AND WITH NO POWER OR HEAT IN MOST HOMES, THERE IS CONCERN FOR THE RESIDENTS' SAFETY

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT THE DEATH TOLL CONTINUES TO RISE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TODAY AFTER A WEEKEND RAINSTORM TRIGGERED A MASSIVE MUDSLIDE. EMERGENCY CREWS ARE STILL ON THE SCENE, HOPING TO STILL FIND SURVIVORS. AND GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER WILL TOUR THE AREA THIS MORNING. NOELLE WALKER HAS THE STORY FROM LA CONCHITA, CALIFORNIA

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT NEW INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE RESCUE OF A TINY BABY FROM RAGING FLOODWATERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS VIDEO SHOWS CREWS TRYING TO SAVE AN INFANT - AFTER HE AND HIS MOTHER WERE SWEEPED OFF A RESCUE RAFT. BUT NOW FIREFIGHTERS SAY - THE BABY'S PARENTS ACTUALLY HURT RESCUE EFFORTS. THEY SAY THE MOTHER CAUSED THE RAFT TO FLIP BECAUSE SHE WAS UNCOOPERATIVE AND DID NOT FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. THEY ALSO CLAIM HER HUSBAND WAS VERBALLY AND PHYSICALLY VIOLENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

A PREGNANT WOMAN FROM SAN BERNARDINO IS MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD - SWEEPED AWAY BY RISING FLOOD WATERS. POLICE SAY SHE WAS IN HER CAR WHEN MOUNTAIN RUNOFF CAUSED WATER LEVELS TO REACH ABOUT FIVE FEET ABOVE THE PAVEMENT. WITNESSES SAY SHE GOT OUT OF HER CAR AND CLIMBED ON TOP OF IT. A HUGE SURGE OF WATER THEN KNOCKED HER OFF.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

EXPERTS HERE IN THE BAY AREA ARE CLOSELY WATCHING THE MUDSLIDE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MEMBERS OF MENLO PARK'S URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM HELPED AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS AND THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING. THEY SAY THE CREWS DIGGING THROUGH THE DEBRIS IN VENTURA COUNTY HAVE THE EXPERTISE AND TRAINING TO FIND VICTIMS WITHOUT CAUSING FURTHER PROBLEMS. A U- S- G- S- LANDSLIDE EXPERT SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN ENOUGH BREAKS BETWEEN OUR STORMS HERE TO AVOID THE PROBLEMS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS SEEING - AT LEAST SO FAR. IRONICALLY - MENLO PARK'S FIRE CHIEF AND URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS FROM AROUND THE STATE WERE AT A CONFERENCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHEN THE SLIDE HIT. THEIR TOP CONCERN IS MAINTAINING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO DEAL WITH DISASTERS LIKE THE ONE IN LA CONCHITA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

SAN FRANCISCO INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIND THE CAUSE OF A HUGE FIRE AT AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE OVERNIGHT. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT AT 4TH STREET AND AVENUE M. FIREFIGHTERS SAY IT'S UNLIKELY A HOMELESS PERSON STARTED THE FIRE. INVESTIGATORS SAY THERE WAS NO SIGN ANYONE TRIED TO FORCE THEIR WAY INTO THE OLD NAVY BUILDING. NO ONE WAS HURT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

SAN FRANCISCO INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIND THE CAUSE OF A HUGE FIRE AT AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE OVERNIGHT. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT AT 4TH STREET AND AVENUE M. FIREFIGHTERS SAY IT'S UNLIKELY A HOMELESS PERSON STARTED THE FIRE. INVESTIGATORS SAY THERE WAS NO SIGN ANYONE TRIED TO FORCE THEIR WAY INTO THE OLD NAVY BUILDING. NO ONE WAS HURT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

AID WORKERS TRYING TO HELP TSUNAMI VICTIMS IN INDONESIA FACE NEW OBSTACLES THIS MORNING. THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT IS URGING FOREIGN TEAMS NOT TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE TWO LARGEST

CITIES ON THE ISLAND OF SUMATRA BECAUSE OF CONCERNS OF A REBEL ATTACK. INDONESIA HAS BEEN FIGHTING SEPARATIST REBELS FOR 30-YEARS.BEFORE THE TSUNAMI - THE NATION WAS LARGELY SEALED OFF TO FOREIGNERS - AND RULED FOR A TIME UNDER MARTIAL LAW. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAY THEY ISSUED THE NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS AFTER THE REBELS DID NOT RESPOND TO A CEASE-FIRE OFFER
THE REBEL GROUP YESTERDAY RELEASED A STATEMENT - GUARANTEEING THE SAFETY OF ALL AID WORKERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

MORE US MARINES JOINED TSUNAMI RELIEF OPERATIONS IN SRI LANKA. TWO GROUPS FROM THE US-S DULUTH LANDED ON THE BEACHES NEAR GALLE TODAY. THE FIRST GROUP WILL BRING EQUIPMENT AND RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM THE SHIP ASHORE.THE SECOND GROUP IS WORKING TO CLEAR DEBRIS AT A SCHOOL CRUSHED BY THE HUGE WAVES.THEY WILL THEN BEGIN LAYING FOUNDATION FOR A NEW SCHOOL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY LAST MONTH'S TSUNAMI COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. TODAY, THE US GOVERNMENT PLANS TO ANNOUNCE PLANS TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT SYSTEM. THERE IS A GLOBAL PUSH TO INSTALL A SYSTEM IN THE INDIAN OCEAN .THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD INCLUDE THE ATLANTIC COAST, AND CARIBBEAN. THE US PREDICTS THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY JUNE OF NEXT YEAR. BUT FOR NOW, SOUTHEAST ASIA IS STILL BEING FLOODED WITH EMERGENCY AID. NBC'S NED COLT IS IN SRI LANKA WITH THE LATEST.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

PARTS OF DOWNTOWN AND NORTH SAN JOSE ARE BETTER PROTECTED - NOW THAT THE GUADALUPE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT IS COMPLETE. IN JUST A FEW MINUTES THE GUADALUPE RIVER PARK AND GARDENS WILL CELEBRATE ITS COMPLETION. TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE RIVER ELEVEN YEARS AGO - BEFORE THE PROJECT. CREWS HAD TO SHUTDOWN HIGHWAY 87 WHEN EIGHT TO TEN FEET OF WATER FILLED THE AREA. US SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION NORM MINETA IS EXPECTED TO BE AT TODAY'S CELEBRATION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE US COAST GUARD IS OVERSEEING A RECOVERY OPERATION THIS MORNING OFF THE MONTEREY COAST. A 52- FOOT VESSEL CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 17-HUNDRED GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL FROM SAN DIEGO TO OREGON SUNK YESTERDAY.

NO ONE WAS INJURED -THE BOAT WAS LEAKING FUEL, BUT CREWS

WERE ABLE TO PLUG THE LEAK. COAST GUARD OFFICIALS SAY IT WAS BEING TOWED BY A TUG WHEN IT SANK. THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHY. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW TO RAISE THE VESSEL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

A BAY AREA COAST GUARD CREW IS RETURNING AFTER A MONTH HELPING WITH TSUNAMI RELIEF THE CREW FROM ALAMEDA SPENT BROUGHT FOOD - WATER - AND EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO THE HOMELESS AND STARVING VICTIMS THE ELEVEN CREWMEMBERS ARE DUE IN SACRAMENTO AROUND FOUR O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON THEY WILL RECEIVE AWARDS FOR THEIR SERVICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT NBC11 DOT COM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE US COAST GUARD IS OVERSEEING A RECOVERY OPERATION THIS MORNING OFF THE MONTEREY COAST. A 52- FOOT VESSEL CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 17-HUNDRED GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL FROM SAN DIEGO TO OREGON SUNK YESTERDAY. NO ONE WAS INJURED -THE BOAT WAS LEAKING FUEL, BUT CREWS WERE ABLE TO PLUG THE LEAK. COAST GUARD OFFICIALS SAY IT WAS BEING TOWED BY A TUG WHEN IT SANK. THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHY. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW TO RAISE THE VESSEL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

20 PEOPLE ARE WITHOUT A PLACE TO LIVE THIS MORNING AFTER FLAMES BURNED THROUGH AN OAKLAND APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE FIRE STARTED JUST BEFORE NINE O'CLOCK ON EAST 17TH STREET. THE COMPLEX THAT BURNED HAS 12 APARTMENT UNITS. FIRE CREWS SAY THE FIRE STARTED AFTER A CANDLE WAS KNOCKED OVER IN ONE OF THE UNITS. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT

INVESTIGATORS SUSPECT A FIRE AT A NORTHERN CALIFORNIA APARTMENT COMPLEX WAS SET BY A RADICAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP. FIREFIGHTERS IN SUTTER CREEK WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE, JUST AFTER THREE A-M YESTERDAY MORNING CREWS BATTLED SEVEN SEPARATE FIRES - ALL BURNING IN DIFFERENT APARTMENTS. EXPERTS CALL THE FIRE SUSPICIOUS - AND AN FBI TASK FORCE IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER THE EARTH LIBERATION FRONT MAY BE RESPONSIBLE THAT GROUP HAS BEEN LINKED TO A STRING OF OTHER RECENT FIRES ACROSS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA - INCLUDING A DECEMBER FIRE AT A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

P-G-AND-E CREWS MANAGED TO CAP A GAS LEAK IN SAN MATEO ABOUT A HALF HOUR AGO. IT HAPPENED ON BARNESON AVENUE AND QUINCE STREET - RIGHT ACROSS FROM BOREL MIDDLE SCHOOL.CONSTRUCTION CREWS SEVERED THE GAS LINE AT AROUND EIGHT THIS MORNING SEVERAL STUDENTS COMPLAINED OF HEADACHES - BUT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS INJURIES.PARENTS ARE BEING ALLOWED TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN - IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO - OTHERWISE SCHOOL WILL RESUME TODAY. MANY PARENTS LINED UP TO GET THEIR KIDS WHEN THE LEAK FIRST HAPPENED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT

NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY YET FOR A CAR BOMBING IN LEBANON THAT KILLED THE COUNTRY'S FORMER PRIME MINISTER.IT HAPPENED EARLIER THIS MORNING, IN THE CAPITOL OF BEIRUT. OFFICIALS SAY THE BOMB WAS TARGETED AT HIS MOTORCADE. THE EXPLOSION KILLED AT LEAST NINE OTHER PEOPLE, INCLUDING SEVERAL OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER'S BODYGUARDS. EXPLOSIONS LIKE THIS WERE COMMON DURING THE 1975 TO 1990 CIVIL WAR, BUT HAVE BECOME RARE THESE DAYS SINCE THE CONFLICT ENDED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT

DOCTORS NOW KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE INFANT BOY KNOWN AS BABY 81 IN SRI LANKA HE WAS NICK-NAMED BEING FOUND AMONG THE TSUNAMI RUBBLE HE WAS THE 81st BABY ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL. HIS PARENTS FOUGHT TO WIN CUSTODY FOR EIGHT WEEKS BUT SO DID EIGHT OTHER COUPLES WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE THE PARENTS. A JUDGE ANNOUNCED OVER THE WEEKEND THAT D-N-A TESTS CONFIRMS THE BABY BELONGS TO THE FIRST COUPLE. THE BABY HAS BEEN IN STATE CARE WAITING FOR THE RESULTS. A COURT WILL ASK THE TRUE PARENTS TO APPEAR ON WEDNESDAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE SAN MATEO COUNTY CORONER IS TRYING TO IDENTIFY A PERSON WHO DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE. FIRE FIGHTERS ARRIVED AT THE HOME ON ISABELLE AVENUE LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.ONCE THEY PUT IT OUT -THEY FOUND A BODY IN THE GARAGE INVESTIGATORS SAY IT WAS SO BADLY BURNED THEY COULD NOT TELL WHETHER IT WAS A MAN OR A WOMAN NO WORD YET ON HOW THE FIRE STARTED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT

INVESTIGATORS ARE EXPECTED TO REVEAL TODAY WHAT SPARKED THE FIRE AT A LOS GATOS HOME THAT KILLED A FIREFIGHTER. AN A-T-F ELECTRICAL ENGINEER FROM WASHINGTON COMBED THROUGH THE DAMAGED HOME TUESDAY - LOOKING FOR CLUES CAPTAIN MARK McCORMACK WAS KILLED EARLY SUNDAY MORNING WHEN HE STEPPED ON

A LIVE POWER LINE WHILE FIGHTING THE FIRE THE 36 YEAR OLD IS THE FIRST SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIREFIGHTER TO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY HIS MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE HISTORIC SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANT MAY BE CLOSED FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS AFTER BEING DAMAGED BY FIRE DOZENS OF PEOPLE LIVING ABOVE FIOR D'ITALIA WERE EVACUATED BECAUSE OF THE EARLY MORNING FIRE THE RESTAURANT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1886 – AND CLAIMS TO BE THE NATION'S OLDEST ITALIAN RESTAURANT FIREFIGHTERS ARE NOT SURE WHAT CAUSED THE FIRE - BUT THEY BELIEVE IT STARTED IN THE BASEMENT NEAR A FURNACE NO ONE WAS INJURED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/22/2005 REPORTED THAT

A POWERFUL EARTHQUAKE HAS KILLED AT LEAST 370- PEOPLE IN IRAN. THE MAGNITUDE SIX- POINT- FOUR QUAKE TOPPLED HOMES AND FLATTENED VILLAGES NEAR THE CENTRAL IRANINAN TOWN OF KERMAN.THE QUAKE HIT IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS - AND BURIED SOME PEOPLE AS THEY SLEPT.NEARLY ONE- THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE INJURED. VIDEO FROM IRANIAN T-V SHOWS A VILLAGE WITH ONLY A FEW MUD WALLS STILL STANDING.RESCUERS ARE TRYING TO SAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAPPED UNDER THE RUBBLE - BUT RAIN IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/24/2005 REPORTED THAT

A LOST HUNTER WHO ACCIDENTALLY STARTED A FOREST FIRE IN 2003 HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PAY UP 18 MILLION DOLLARS.THE FIRE IN MEDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST BURNED MORE THAT 6 THOUSAND ACRES AND COST 33 MILLION DOLLARS TO PUT OUT. NOW PROSECUTORS SAY JASON HOSKEY MUST PAY UP FOR BOTH STARTING THE FIRE AND VIOLATING THE SMOKING BAN. HOSKEY GOT LOST CAMPING AND LIT A FIRE THAT SPREAD AFTER HE WENT TO SLEEP. HE PLEADED NO CONTEST IN SEPTEMBER TO A FEDERAL MISDEMEANOR. HE HAS BEEN BANNED FROM THE FOREST FOR FIVE YEARS.

GOVERNMENT,POLITICS

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE CITY OF PETALUMA IS ABOUT TO USE A HIGH-TECH WAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU BROKE THE PARKING RULES. CITY PARKING OFFICERS SAY DRIVERS OFTEN MOVE THEIR CARS FROM SPOT-TO-SPOT DOWNTOWN TO GET AROUND THE TWO-HOUR LIMIT. THE COUNCIL DECIDED LAST NIGHT- TO BUY AUTO-VIEW GLOBAL SATELLITE POSITIONING SYSTEMS. NAPA ALREADY HAS ONE. IT USES G-P-S AND VIDEO CAMERAS TO RECORD LICENSE PLATES OF CARS- AND THE TIMES AND PLACES THEY PARKED.

NOT EVERYONE LIKES THE IDEA. A PETALUMA OFFICIAL THINKS THE ADDED FINES THE CITY COLLECTS WILL PAY FOR THE SYSTEM IN ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

ETHICS WILL BE ONE OF THE ISSUES CONGRESS PLANS TO TAKE UP TODAY.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS WANT TO BRING BACK AN ETHICS STANDARD, WHICH WOULD FORCE PARTY LEADERS TO GIVE UP THEIR POST IF THEY'RE INDICTED ON FELONY CHARGES. THAT COULD MEAN TROUBLE FOR THEIR LEADER, TOM DELAY WHO MAY FACE POLITICAL CORRUPTION CHARGES IN TEXAS. THE G-O-P HAD RECENTLY CHANGED THE ETHICS RULE TO PROTECT HIM. BUT NOW, G-O-P LEADERS SAY THEY DON'T WANT THE ETHICS ISSUE TO SIDETRACK THEIR GREATER GOALS THIS SESSION SUCH AS OVERHAULING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

A DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR SECRETARY OF STATE KEVIN SHELLEY

THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE WAS TEN THIS MORNING FOR SHELLEY TO AGREE TO TESTIFY BEFORE A STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. IT IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER HE MISHANDLED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FEDERAL ELECTION MONEY. THE SACRAMENTO BEE REPORTS SHELLEY MISSED THE DEADLINE - SAYING HE MUST FIRST TALK WITH HIS ATTORNEYS BECAUSE HE FACES A NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS. THE NEW DEADLINE IS NOW SET FOR FEBRUARY THIRD

IN ADDITION TO THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING FEDERAL ELECTION MONEY - THE FBI IS LOOKING INTO QUESTIONABLE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS - AND COMPLAINTS THAT SHELLEY'S OFFICE IS A HOSTILE WORK PLACE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL GRAND JURIES WILL MEET NEXT WEEK TO INVESTIGATE A SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER. TERRY GREGORY IS UNDER FIRE ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING EXPENSIVE GIFTS THAT WOULD RETAIL FOR ABOUT 14-HUNDRED DOLLARS. THIS IS SURVEILLANCE TAPE OF HIM ALLEGEDLY ACCEPTING GIFTS INSIDE THE OFFICE OF A SAN JOSE DEVELOPER. LAST SPRING - DENNIS FONG ADMITTED BUYING HIGH CLASS DINNERS AND A CASE OF WINE FOR GREGORY. FONG SAYS THE D-A'S OFFICE HAS TOLD HIM HE COULD BE CALLED TO TESTIFY NEXT WEEK. GREGORY'S COLLEAGUES ON THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE ALREADY CENSURED HIM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

DORIS MATSUI - THE WIDOW OF THE LATE CONGRESSMAN ROBERT MATSUI FROM SACRAMENTO - PLANS TO ANNOUNCE TODAY SHE WILL

RUN TO FILL THE SEAT HER HUSBAND HELD FOR 26 YEARS. REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MATSUI DIED NEW YEAR'S DAY FROM PNEUMONIA AND COMPLICATIONS FROM A RARE BLOOD DISORDER GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SET A MARCH 8TH PRIMARY ELECTION - AND A MAY THIRD SPECIAL ELECTION TO CHOOSE A SUCCESSOR. 60-YEAR OLD DORIS MATSUI HAS POLITICAL EXPERIENCE. SHE WORKED SEVERAL YEARS WITH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A DRIVER INVOLVED IN A CHASE AND ASSAULT ON AN OFFICER. IT HAPPENED AROUND 8:30 LAST NIGHT. AN OFFICER SPOTTED A STOLEN CAR NEAR TURK AND LEAVENWORTH STREETS. WHEN THE OFFICER APPROACHED - THE DRIVER TRIED TO RUN HIM DOWN. A CHASE FOLLOWED AND POLICE FIRED AT THE CAR. NO ONE WAS HIT. EVENTUALLY - THE DRIVER AND TWO PASSENGERS DITCHED THE CAR - AND IT ROLLED DOWN A HILL - CRASHING INTO A BUS SHELTER. POLICE ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE - BUT A THIRD PERSON GOT AWAY. THE OFFICER SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

A NEW TOOL IS BEING UNVEILED THIS WEEK THAT WILL HELP FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS RESPOND TO THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TRAGEDY OR TERROR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY NORMAN MINETA WILL ANNOUNCE NEW MEASURES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFTS FLASHED BY LASER BEAMS. THE NEW GUIDELINES WILL INCLUDE STEPS PILOTS CAN TAKE IF THEIR COCKPIT IS TARGETED

FBI INVESTIGATORS SAY LASER BEAMS ARE BEING AIMED AT PLANES ACROSS THE COUNTRY - POSING A THREAT TO AVIATION SAFETY. ONE OF THE LATEST CASES HAPPENED IN BURBANK. EXPERTS SAY EVEN LOW-INTENSITY LASERS CAN TEMPORARILY BLIND A PILOT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT

A STATE LAWMAKER FROM THE EAST BAY IS STRIKING THE LATEST BLOW IN THE BATTLE OVER THE BAY BRIDGE. SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM DON PERATA OF OAKLAND IS CHALLENGING GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER. SCHWARZENEGGER WANTS A CHEAPER AND LESS ATTRACTIVE CONCRETE SKYWAY. PERATA WANTS THE GOVERNOR TO PROVE HIS PLAN WILL BE ADEQUATE - AND IS CALLING FOR LAWMAKERS TO REVIEW THE PROPOSAL. BUSINESS - TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING

SECRETARY SONNY MC-PEAK SUPPORTS THE SKYWAY PLAN.IT COULD REPORTEDLY SAVE THE STATE UP TO 400- MILLION DOLLARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF SOMEONE POINTING A LASER BEAM AT A SOUTHWEST AIRLINES JET,FLYING FROM BURBANK TO SAN JOSE. IT HAPPENED LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING AS THE JET WAS ABOUT 25-HUNDRED FEET UP. THE PILOT REPORTED A FLASH OF GREEN LIGHT ON THE NOSE OF HIS AIRPLANE. IT DID NOT ENTER THE COCKPIT OR CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS, BUT IT COULD HAVE IF THAT LIGHT HAD BLINDED THE PILOT. THE FBI DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WAS TERRORISM RELATED, BUT THE PROBLEM IS SO CONCERNING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IT IS NOW URGING PILOTS TO IMMEDIATELY RADIO THE CONTROL TOWER IF THEY SEE A LASER.POLICE ALREADY ARRESTED ONE MAN IN NEW JERSEY FOR POINTING A LASER AT A PASSENGER JET AND POLICE HELICOPTER. THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 40 REPORTS OF PEOPLE SHINING LASERS IN THE COCKPITS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT THE STATE HAS AGREED TO SETTLE A CLAIM FILED AGAINST SOUTH BAY ASSEMBLYWOMAN REBECCA COHN BY A FORMER STAFFER. THE COMPLAINT STEMMED FROM A PHOTO SHOOT FOR SAN JOSE MAGAZINE. COHN'S FORMER PRESS SECRETARY--ERIKA WEAVER-TAYLOR - COMPLAINED TO THE ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE THAT HER BOSS MADE INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL REMARKS AND ASKED HER FOR HELP GETTING DRESSED AT THE PHOTO SHOOT. COHN DISPUTES THE ALLEGATIONS. BOTH WOMEN TALKED WITH NBC11 NEWS. WEAVER-TAYLOR ASKED WE NOT SHOW HER FACE. IN THE SETTLEMENT WEAVER-TAYLOR RECEIVED SIX MONTHS' SEVERANCE PAY AND MONEY FOR HER LEGAL FEES. THE SETTLEMENT COST TAXPAYERS 120-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT A SAN FRANCISCO LAWMAKER IS TRYING TO TRACK THE USE OF STUN GUNS. SAN FRANCISCO ASSEMBLYMAN MARK LENO SAYS HE'LL INTRODUCE A BILL TO FORCE THE STATE TO COLLECT DATA ON TASER GUNS. TASER INTERNATIONAL PROMOTES ITS PRODUCT AS A NON-LETHAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOL. LENO SAYS 6-NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DEATHS - LINKED TO TASER SHOCKS SHOW THE NEED FOR MORE RESEARCH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF A MAN WHO DIED AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A TASER GUN GATHERED IN SAN FRANCISCO'S BAYVIEW DISTRICT LAST

NIGHT FOR A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL. THEY SAY POLICE IN PACIFICA KILLED 30-YEAR-OLD GREGORY SAULSBURY BY SHOCKING HIM WITH A TASER SEVERAL TIMES - THEY SAY FOR NO APPARENT REASON. BUT POLICE SAY SAULSBURY WAS COMBATIVE LAST SUNDAY NIGHT AND THEY USED A TASER TO SUBDUE HIM. HE DIED A SHORT TIME LATER. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS STILL LOOKING INTO THE CASE

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

MORE TROUBLE THIS MORNING FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

THIS TIME IT'S NEAR THE PRADO DAM IN CORONA - SOUTHEAST OF LOS ANGELES

HIGHWAYS IN THE AREA ARE JAMMED WITH PEOPLE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE AREA. ONE HUNDRED CAMPERS IN THAT AREA WERE ALSO EVACUATED. THE DAM IS RELEASING ABOUT 10-THOUSAND CUBIC FEET OF WATER PER SECOND. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDERED THE EVACUATIONS EVEN THOUGH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS -- WHICH OVERSEES THE DAM -- SAYS THERE IS NO LEAK - T'S MAKING NORMAL WATER RELEASES. THE EVACUATION IS JUST A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

PEOPLE LIVING IN LA CONCHITA ARE MEETING WITH STATE AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO TALK ABOUT OPTIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE MUD IS STILL SLIDING DOWN THE HILLSIDE. IT MOVED ANOTHER 6- FEET BEFORE THE RESCUE EFFORT ENDED YESTERDAY. THE SHERIFF IS RECOMMENDING PEOPLE STAY AWAY FROM THE AREA BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUED THREAT. MORE THAN 600-CREW MEMBERS ARE LEAVING THE SCENE. RESCUE CREWS ARE CONFIDENT NO ONE ELSE IS BURIED BENEATH THE RUBBLE. THE LANDSLIDE KILLED 10 PEOPLE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

EARLY DAMAGE ESTIMATES FROM THE RECENT STORMS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STAND AT MORE THAN 100-MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH IT'LL TAKE TO FIX THE DAMAGED HOMES ROADS AND FARMS.

THAT FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO GROW IN THE COMING DAYS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/18/2005 REPORTED THAT

WE BEGIN WITH BREAKING NEWS OUT OF SAN JOSE. NBC11 NEWS HAS LEARNED THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS FILED NINE MISDEMEANOR COUNTS AGAINST SAN JOSE CITY COUNCILMAN TERRY GREGORY. SOURCES SAY HE HAS AGREED TO PLEE NO CONTEST AND RESIGN TODAY. GREGORY IS ACCUSED OF ILLEGALLY ACCEPTING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FREE GIFTS, AND OTHER ETHICS VIOLATIONS. THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ALREADY CENSURED HIM. GREGORY IS EXPECTED TO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN SAN

JOSE. THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 10:30. WE HOPE TO HAVE LIVE COVERAGE FOR YOU.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/18/2005 REPORTED THAT

IN SACRAMENTO - A MONTHLY PROTEST BY DEATH PENALTY OPPONENTS IS TAKING ON A NEW SENSE OF URGENCY. THE GROUP - WHICH IS NOW MUCH LARGER THAN NORMAL - HAS MET AT THE CAPITOL EVERY THIRD MONDAY SINCE 19-92. THAT'S WHEN CALIFORNIA REINSTATED THE DEATH PENALTY. BUT ORGANIZERS SAY THEY PLAN TO RETURN AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT - UNLESS GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER GRANTS DONALD BEARDSLEE CLEMENCY. THE GROUP SAYS IT IS NOT CALLING TONIGHT'S GATHERING A PROTEST - BUT AN EXECUTION VIGIL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT

A PENINSULA TEACHER ACCUSED OF HAVING SEX WITH AN EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT WAS BACK IN COURT THIS MORNING. A JUDGE DECIDED NOT TO LOWER HER BAIL--IT'S SET AT 5-HUNDRED-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE JUDGE ALSO REPRIMANDED HER IN COURT PROSECUTORS CHARGED 33 YEAR OLD REBECCA BOICELLI WITH HAVING UNLAWFUL SEX - AND LEWD CONDUCT WITH A MINOR. INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE MET THE BOY WHEN SHE TAUGHT AT THE FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CENTER IN REDWOOD CITY. POLICE STARTED INVESTIGATING IN 2003 WHEN THE BOY'S MOTHER TOLD THEM ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP. BOICELLI WAS ARRESTED AFTER D-N-A TESTS CONFIRMED THE BOY WAS THE FATHER OF HER BABY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL SAYS IT WILL REWORK PLANS TO EXPAND THE BAY AREA'S FOURTH LARGEST AIRPORT. HUNDREDS OF ANGRY RESIDENTS PACKED A HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM LAST NIGHT TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE LIVERMORE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. THE PLAN WOULD LENGTHEN ONE RUNWAY - ADD NEW HANGERS - AND EXPAND SERVICES FOR CORPORATE JETS. PILOTS SAY IT IS NECESSARY FOR SAFETY AND TO HANDLE MORE AIR TRAFFIC - BUT NEIGHBORS SAY IT WILL AFFECT THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO DEVELOP A NEW PLAN THAT INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR NOISE REDUCTION. COUNCILMEMBERS ALSO ORDERED A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

ANOTHER AIRPLANE HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO LAND LATE AT NIGHT AT MINETA SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. A US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE RULED LAST WEEK THAT THE SAN JOSE SABERCATS CAN TAKE OFF AND LAND BETWEEN 11-30 PM AND 6-30 AM - UP TO 15 TIMES A YEAR. THE AIRPORT IS

NORMALLY CLOSED DURING THOSE TIMES. IN 2003 - ORACLE CHIEF LARRY ELLISON WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO WIN A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY CURFEW ON THIS ISSUE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

NEW HOPE THIS MORNING FOR THE CALIFORNIA LAW ALLOWING HYBRID VEHICLES INTO CAR POOL LANES WITHOUT PASSENGERS. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SIGNED THE LAW IN SEPTEMBER. BUT IT HAS STALLED SINCE THEN BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING FEDERAL RULES ON CAR POOL LANES. CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMEN DARRELL ISSA AND BRAD SHERMAN - ALONG WITH SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN PLAN TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS STATES TO MAKE THEIR OWN RULES

CALIFORNIA'S LAW REQUIRES HYBRID DRIVERS TO GET SPECIAL DECALS TO USE H-O-V LANES. THE STATE CONTROLS USAGE BY SETTING A LIMIT OF 75- THOUSAND DECALS PER YEAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

PRESIDENT BUSH IS EXPECTED TO MAKE SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM THE CENTER OF TOMORROW NIGHT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS. A NEW STUDY SHOWS IT MAY BE IN BETTER SHAPE THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE - IT WILL BE 2020 - NOT 2018 - BEFORE THE SYSTEM PAYS OUT MORE MONEY THAN IT TAKES IN THE STUDY ALSO PREDICTS THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND WILL LAST UNTIL 20-52 - WHICH IS TEN YEARS LONGER THAN CURRENT ESTIMATES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE PRESIDENT IS ON THE ROAD THIS MORNING - PROMOTING HIS NEW BUDGET

HIS PROPOSAL HAD BARELY HIT LAWMAKER'S DESKS BEFORE IT SPARKED DEBATE YESTERDAY. THE BUDGET INCLUDES DEEP CUTS FOR EDUCATION - FARM SUBSIDIES - TRANSPORTATION AND PROGRAMS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. LAWMAKERS ARE READY TO FIGHT AGAINST CUTS THAT WILL AFFECT - OR ELIMINATE 150 DOMESTIC PROGRAMS. THE LEAN BUDGET WILL HELP THE PRESIDENT CUT THE NATIONAL DEFICIT IN HALF BY 2009. BUT CRITICS SAY IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COST OF HIS SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES - OR FUTURE COSTS OF THE WAR IN IRAQ. SUPPORTERS SAY THEY THINK THE BUDGET WILL PASS - AND SAY THE PRESIDENT COULD THREATEN TO VETO ANY CHANGES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER HOPES TO NAME A NEW SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE WEEKEND. THE GOVERNOR TOLD REPORTERS IN SACRAMENTO YESTERDAY HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH A BI-

PARTISAN APPEAL. SCHWARZENEGGER JOKED THE PERSON HE REALLY WANTS FOR THE JOB IS HIS WIFE MARIA. THE NEW APPOINTEE WILL TAKEOVER FOR DEMOCRAT KEVIN SHELLEY WHEN HE STEPS DOWN MARCH 1ST. SHELLEY RESIGNED LAST WEEK AMID ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION - INCLUDING MISHANDLING FEDERAL ELECTION MONEY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAWMAKER PLANS TO INTRODUCE A BILL TODAY TO BAN THE SALE OF CLONED PETS. ASSEMBLYMAN LLOYD LEVINE SAYS HIS MEASURE IS NEEDED TO PREVENT FURTHER OVERCROWDING AT ANIMAL SHELTERS - AND TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM PAYING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR A DEFECTIVE PET. LEVINE CITES STUDIES SHOWING 45-PERCENT OF CLONED CATS DIE PREMATURELY - AND OTHERS ARE PRONE TO UNTREATABLE AILMENTS. LEVINE'S BILL COMES TWO MONTHS AFTER GENETIC SAVINGS AND CLONE IN SAUSALITO REVEALED IT HAD CLONED A CAT. THE COMPANY CHARGES 50- THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ITS SERVICES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

A NEW ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL SHOWS AMERICANS ARE LOSING CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT BUSH - ESPECIALLY PEOPLE 50 AND OLDER. EXPERTS SAY IT'S A REACTION TO HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS AND THE PLANNED SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES. 54 PERCENT DISAPPROVE AND 45 PERCENT APPROVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S JOB PERFORMANCE. THE DISAPPROVAL RATING INCREASED SEVEN PERCENT IN JUST THE PAST MONTH. THE POLL WASN'T ALL BAD FOR PRESIDENT BUSH HOWEVER - IT FOUND PEOPLE ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A STABLE IRAQ.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED IN LESS THAN AN HOUR ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S NEW SECRETARY OF STATE. MANY POLITICAL EXPERTS THINK A FORMER LAWMAKER WITH BAY AREA TIES WILL GET THE NOD. REPUBLICAN BRUCE MCPHERSON IS THOUGHT TO BE THE MAN GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER WILL NAME TO REPLACE THE OUT-GOING KEVIN SHELLEY. MCPHERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE UNTIL LAST YEAR WHEN TERM LIMITS FORCED HIM OUT. PART OF HIS DISTRICT INCLUDED SARATOGA IN THE SOUTH BAY. HE RAN FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN 2002 - AND HAS POLITICAL VIEWS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO GOVERNOR'S.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT

AN EAST BAY COUPLE'S ANTI- WAR MESSAGE IS FUELING A TENSE BATTLE OUTSIDE THE HOME THEY OWN IN SACRAMENTO. DOZENS OF WAR SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS GOT INTO A HEATED CONFRONTATION LAST NIGHT OVER AN EFFIGY THAT HAD BEEN HANGING ON THE HOUSE.

STEPHEN AND VIRGINIA PEARCY - WHO ALSO LIVE IN BERKELEY - HUNG A SOLDIER'S UNIFORM FROM A NOOSE - WITH A SIGN READING - BUSH LIED. I DIED. THAT EFFIGY HAS BEEN TAKEN DOWN TWICE. THE PEARCY'S SAY THEY DON'T INTEND TO HANG THE EFFIGY AGAIN. THEY SAY THEY'RE CONFIDENT THEIR MESSAGE HAS REACHED ENOUGH PEOPLE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/28/2005 REPORTED THAT

TODAY MARKS THE TWELVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WHEN THE WACO, TEXAS STANDOFF BEGAN. FEDERAL AGENTS WERE ATTEMPTING TO SERVE WARRANTS TO MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH DAVIDIAN RELIGIOUS GROUP - WHEN GUN FIRE BROKE OUT AT THE COMPOUND. TEN PEOPLE DIED. THAT INCIDENT SPARKED A 51 DAY STANDOFF. IT ENDED ON APRIL 19-TH IN A DEADLY TEAR GAS ATTACK LEADER DAVID KORESH AND AT LEAST 80 OF HIS FOLLOWERS - 22 OF THEM CHILDREN - DIED WHEN THE COMPOUND CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED TO THE GROUND

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

LAWMAKERS WILL MISS A DEADLINE SET BY GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER. HE WANTED THEM TO ADDRESS A SERIES OF BILLS TO OVERHAUL STATE GOVERNMENT BY TODAY. THAT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN-- SO NOW THE GOVERNOR PLANS TO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE ABOUT THE ISSUE IN ABOUT AN HOUR. SCHWARZENEGGER HAS VOWED TO TAKE THE MEASURES TO VOTERS IN A SPECIAL ELECTION THIS FALL IF LAWMAKERS CAN'T REACH AN AGREEMENT.

HEALTH ,NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT CONSUMERS NEED TO FORGET THE CARBS - CALORIES ARE THE KEY TO CONTROLLING YOUR WEIGHT. AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOUND PEOPLE ARE EATING MORE CALORIES THAN THEY NEED - AND STILL ARE NOT GETTING ENOUGH NUTRITIONSO - THE GOVERNMENT IS RELEASING NEW DIETARY GUIDELINES TODAY THAT CALL ON AMERICANS TO EXERCISE 30 TO 90 MINUTES A DAY AND TO EAT BETTER. IT IS REVISING THE FOOD PYRAMID TO INCLUDE MORE WHOLE GRAINS INSTEAD OF REFINED ONES - AND EATING FIVE TO 13 SERVINGS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES A DAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE NATION'S LARGEST FOOD MANUFACTURER PLANS TO CHANGE ITS MARKETING STRATEGY. AS CHARLIE WOJCIECHOWSKI TELL US - KRAFT FOODS SAYS IT WILL CURB ADVERTISING OF SOME OF ITS MORE POPULAR FOODS TO HELP PARENTS MAKE BETTER CHOICES FOR THEIR

CHILDREN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT

A NEW STUDY SUGGESTS PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE COPIES OF A CERTAIN GENE ARE LESS LIKELY TO BECOME INFECTED WITH H-I-V AND LESS LIKELY TO GET AIDS

PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE COPIES OF CC-L-THREE-L-ONE WERE LESS LIKELY TO ACQUIRE H-I-V THOSE WITH FEWER COPIES WERE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE H-I-V AND A FASTER PROGRESSION TO AIDS. THE STUDY SAYS THAT DETECTING THESE LEVELS COULD MAKE TREATMENT EASIER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

SOME CRITICISM THIS MORNING ABOUT MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S NEW ANTI-STERIOD POLICY FROM THE MAN AT THE CENTER OF THE STEROID SCANDAL.

UNDER THE NEW PLAN, IF A PLAYER TESTS POSITIVE FOR STEROIDS -- THAT PLAYER WOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR 10 GAMES A PLAYER TESTING POSITIVE A FOURTH TIME COULD BE BANNED FOR UP TO A YEAR. ALL PLAYERS WILL BE TESTED RANDOMLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WHILE SOME APPLAUD THE NEW POLICY - THE MAN AT THE CENTER OF THE STEROID SCANDAL IS CONDEMNING IT. VICTOR CONTE, JUNIOR - THE FOUNDER OF BURLINGAME'S BALCO LABS - SAYS IT WILL NOT WORK. BASEBALL'S NEW POLICY IS ABOUT 4 TIMES - LESS STRICT THAN FOOTBALL'S POLICY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

OVER-THE-COUNTER HELP MAY SOON BE HERE FOR THOSE WITH HIGH CHOLESTEROL. BUT FIRST, THE F-D-A MUST APPROVE. MANY AMERICANS COULD REDUCE THEIR CHANCES OF HEART DISEASE IF MEVACOR COULD BE SOLD OVER-THE-COUNTER. MEVACOR WORKS BY PREVENTING, INSTEAD OF TREATING EXISTING SYMPTOMS. SOME DOCTORS SAY THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WITH MODERATE RISK WHO ARE NOT TAKING MEDICATION, NOW COULD. AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING SELLING A LOW-DOSE VERSION WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.

BUT EXPERTS WORRY THAT MANY WOULD SKIP IMPORTANT DOCTORS VISIT AND NECESSARY ADVICE. THE ADVISORY BOARD IS EXPECTED TO DELIVER A DECISION TODAY. BUT IF THE F-D-A APPROVES, HEALTH INSURANCE WILL NO LONGER COVER THE COST, MEANING PATIENTS PAY MORE. THE F-D-A REJECTED A SIMILAR APPLICATION IN 2000.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

THOUSANDS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS EVERY YEAR ARE CAUSED BY DROWSY DRIVERS. AS LIZ CRENSHAW REPORTS - GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL AFTER LITTLE OR NO SLEEP IS JUST AS BAD AS HITTING THE ROAD AFTER HAVING A FEW DRINKS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

JAPAN'S HEALTH MINISTRY CONFIRMED THE COUNTRY'S FIRST HUMAN CASE OF MAD COW DISEASE. THE MINISTRY SAYS THE VICTIM WAS A MAN WHO HAD LIVED IN BRITAIN FOR A MONTH - WHERE MAD COW WAS DISCOVERED IN THE 19-80s
HE DEVELOPED THE BRAIN- WASTING DISEASE IN DECEMBER OF 2001 - AND DIED IN DECEMBER OF 2004.THE MINISTRY IS STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MAN'S DEATH WAS CAUSED BY EATING INFECTED BEEF.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

KIDNEY CANCER STRIKES MORE THAN 36-THOUSAND AMERICANS A YEAR , KILLING NEARLY 13-THOUSAND. IT IS CURABLE IF CAUGHT AND REMOVED EARLY; BUT WHEN IT SPREADS, OPTIONS ARE FEW. BUT NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE U.S, A VACCINE IS BEING TESTED AGAINST ADVANCED KIDNEY CANCER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

FAST FOOD CHAIN ARBY'S IS JUMPING ON THE HEALTH-FOOD BANDWAGON
AND LEAVING IT'S ROAST BEEF ROOTS BEHIND ARBY'S WILL BE SERVING UP THE NATURAL CHICKEN. THIS BIRD COMES FREE OF HORMONES, ANTIBIOTICS AND ARTIFICIAL INGREDIENTS. IT WOULD BE THE ONLY CHAIN TO OFFER THIS KIND OF BIRD. THE MOVE COMES AS CHICKEN BECOMES MORE POPULAR WITH ITS CUSTOMERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT

ONE OF THE BIGGEST DILEMMAS FACING CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS TODAY IS - OBESITY. IN FACT - EXPERTS SAY IT IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH TODAY. THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE 27- PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN ARE OVERWEIGHT 40- PERCENT ARE OUT OF SHAPE THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS 15- PERCENT OF DEATHS IN THE YEAR 2000 WERE CAUSED BY BAD EATING HABITS AND LACK OF EXERCISE THIS AFTERNOON, ASSEMBLYWOMAN WILMA CHAN WILL ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH IN SACRAMENTO ABOUT THE PROBLEM. BERKELEY AUTHOR ELAINE HERSCHER SAYS SHE CAN HELP SAVE CHILDREN FROM WHAT SHE CALLS AN EPIDEMIC OF OBESITY SHE TALKS ABOUT IT IN HER NEW BOOK, GENERATION EXTRA LARGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THE HEALTH OF POPE JOHN PAUL THE SECOND. THE VATICAN ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THE PONTIFF WILL LEAVE THE HOSPITAL SHORTLY. A SPOKESMAN SAYS HIS BREATHING PROBLEMS

HAVE BEEN CURED - AND HIS GENERAL HEALTH IS BETTER. THE POPE WILL RETURN TO HIS VATICAN APARTMENT. SECURITY IS VERY TIGHT AROUND THE HOSPITAL. THE 84 YEAR OLD PONTIFF WAS ADMITTED THERE WITH BREATHING PROBLEMS TEN DAYS AGO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

IF YOU SUFFER SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST, GETTING BLOOD FLOWING AGAIN IS KEY TO SURVIVAL. IN THE PAST, THAT'S WHERE CPR PLAYED A ROLE BUT NOW THERE IS AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM THAT PROMISES TO WORK BETTER THAN HUMAN HANDS.
A REPORTER HAD A REPORT ON AUTO PULSE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FORMER PATIENTS FROM STANFORD HOSPITAL ARE GETTING LETTERS - WARNING THEM TO GET TESTED FOR TUBERCULOSIS. ACCORDING TO OUR PARTNERS AT THE MERCURY NEWS - THE HOSPITAL ADMITS THERE WERE LAPSES IN DISINFECTING TOOLS - AND SOME PATIENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE MICROBE THAT CAUSES T-B. STANFORD SAYS THE CHANCE OF SOMEONE GETTING THE DISEASE IS EXTREMELY LOW - AND INSISTS THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN FIXED BUT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS YOU CAN CALL STANFORD HOSPITAL DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

AND A MAJOR POLICY CHANGE ON MENINGITIS PREVENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME - THE GOVERNMENT IS RECOMMENDING ALL COLLEGE FRESHMEN WHO LIVE IN DORMS GET VACCINATED FOR THE DISEASE A NEW VACCINE IS NOW AVAILABLE THAT LASTS LONGER THAN THE OLD ONE -AND ALSO PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM BECOMING CARRIERS. COLLEGE FRESHMEN IN DORMS ARE SIX TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN OTHER PEOPLE TO BE INFECTED WITH MENINGITIS. IT AFFECTS THE MEMBRANES AROUND THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD. THE PANEL SAYS 11 AND 12 YEAR OLDS SHOULD ALSO GET THE VACCINE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IS ESTABLISHING A NEW DRUG SAFETY OVERSIGHT BOARD THIS COMES AFTER SHARP CRITICISM IT ACTED TOO SLOWLY TO REPORTS OF PROBLEMS WITH POPULAR PAINKILLERS STUDIES RECENTLY LINKED THE DRUG VIOXX AND CELEBREX TO INCREASED RISKS OF HEART ATTACK AND STROKE THE NEW BOARD WILL MONITOR F-D-A APPROVED MEDICINES ONCE THEY ARE ON THE MARKET IT WILL ALSO UPDATE DOCTORS AND PATIENTS WITH NEW INFORMATION ON RISKS AND BENEFITS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/17/2005 REPORTED THAT

MEDICAL MARIJUANA ADVOCATES ARE SUING TO STOP THE CHP FROM CONFISCATING POT FROM LEGITIMATE USERS. THE BERKELEY- BASED GROUP 'AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS' SAYS THE CHP IS RESISTING VOTER- APPROVED MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAWS. A CHP SPOKESPERSON SAID THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE STATE TO ISSUE NEW I-D CARDS FOR APPROVED USERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/22/2005 REPORTED THAT

AUTISM IS A PUZZLING DISEASE AFFECTING A CHILDS NUROLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT.

AUTISTIC CHIDREN SUFFER FROM THE INABILTY TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE. THEY HAVE DELAYED SOCIAL SKILLS AND OFTEN TIMES REPEAT MOTIONS OVER AND OVER.WHILE THERE IS NO DIRECT CAUSE FOR AUTISM - STUDIES HAVE LOOKED AT GENETICS, ENVIRONMENT, DISFUNCIONAL BRAIN GROWTH AND MERCURY IN VACCINES AS POSSIBLE CAUSES. CONTINUING OUR WEEK LONG SERIES ON AUTISM - TODAY WE EXAMINE A CONTROVERSIAL CAUSE AND TREATMENT FOR THE BAFFLING EPIDEMIC.THE BOOK - EVIDENCE OF HARM - MERCURY IN VACCINES AND THE AUTISM EPIDEMIC - TAKES A LOOK AT THE MEDICAL CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING CHILDRENS' VACCINES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE VATICAN SAYS POPE JOHN PAUL THE SECOND CONTINUES TO IMPROVE THIS MORNING.IN FACT, A TOP VATICAN OFFICIAL SAYS THE PONTIFF SPOKE WITH HIM IN GERMAN AND IN ITALIAN. HE'S ALSO DESCRIBED AS FULLY AND MENTALLY ALERT.

THE POPE IS RECUPERATING INSIDE THE GEMELLI HOSPITAL IN ROME - AFTER THROAT SURGERY TO ALLEVIATE BREATHING PROBLEMS. HE WAS RE-ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL LAST WEEK AND HAS BEGUN SPEECH AND BREATHING THERAPY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

AS HEALTH CARE PRICES SOAR FOR ALL OF US IN CALIFORNIA THE UNINSURED CONTINUE TO BARE THE BRUNT OF THE SKYROCKETING COSTS. AS MARIANNE FAVRO REPORTS SOME BAY AREA DOCTORS ARE ADVOCATING THAT THOSE OF US WHO ARE INSURED LIMIT UNNECESSARY SCREENING TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE ENOUGH RESOURCES FOR THE NEEDY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

A NEW CALIFORNIA STUDY SAYS SECONDHAND SMOKE CAUSES BREAST CANCER.

THE STATE'S AIR RESOURCES BOARD WAS THE FIRST AGENCY TO LINK SMOKING TO HEART DISEASE. ITS REPORT, CONNECTING SECOND-HAND

SMOKE TO BREAST CANCER, IS NOT FINAL. THE BOARD BASES THE CLAIM ON A REVIEW OF 13 DIFFERENT STUDIES BUT OTHER SCIENTISTS- AND AT LEAST ONE CIGARETTE COMPANY- SAY THE RESEARCH IS FLAWED. NO OTHER MAJOR HEALTH ORGANIZATION LISTS SECOND-HAND SMOKE AS A BREAST CANCER DANGER. BUT SCIENTISTS ARE STILL PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS STUDY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/10/2005 REPORTED THAT

NEW RESEARCH SHOWS SIGNS OF AN IMPENDING STROKE COULD START AS EARLY AS A WEEK BEFORE THE ACTUAL EVENT. THE STUDY LOOKED AT 24-HUNDRED STROKE PATIENTS. THOSE WHO FIRST EXPERIENCED SO-CALLED MINI-STROKES, SAW SYMPTOMS UP TO 7 DAYS BEFORE THE MORE SERIOUS STROKE. MINI- STROKES USUALLY LAST JUST A FEW MINUTES. DOCTORS SAY EARLY INTERVENTION CAN HELP PREVENT A MORE SERIOUS STROKE AND BRAIN DAMAGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

TOUGH WORDS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS - AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF HEARINGS ON STEROIDS. SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN CHASTISED MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FOR WHAT IT CALLED AN "EXTREMELY WEAK" DRUG-TESTING PROGRAM. BUT SOME OF THE MOST EMOTIONAL TESTIMONY CAME FROM A MAN WHO BLAMES STEROIDS FOR HIS SON'S SUICIDE. A VACAVILLE FAMILY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE IS GOING THROUGH. THEY BELIEVE THEIR SON COMMITTED SUICIDE AS A RESULT OF STEROIDS.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS **SAFETY & SECURITY**

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL SAYS ABOUT FOUR- TO FIVE-THOUSAND AMERICANS ARE STILL NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE TSUNAMI DISASTER. SO FAR, AT LEAST FIFTEEN AMERICANS ARE CONFIRMED DEAD. AID CONTINUES TO POUR IN. AS POWELL AND FLORIDA GOVERNOR JEB BUSH HEAD UP THE US RELIEF EFFORT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

A BAY AREA MAN WHO GREW UP IN SRI LANKA IS NOW BACK IN HIS HOMELAND TRYING TO HELP SAVE HIS RELATIVES THIS WAS SRAKUMAR KANDASAMY THIS PAST WEEKEND PACKING UP MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHES FOR HIS TRIP TO SRI LANKA. HE ARRIVED YESTERDAY AND WILL VISIT REFUGEE CAMPS TO FIND RELATIVES - BUT HE'S ALREADY HEARD HORROR STORIES ABOUT THE LIVING CONDITIONS AFTER THE TSUNAMI.

KANDASAMY BELONGS TO A GROUP CALLED THE TAMIL REHAB ORGANIZATION. SIX OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP FROM THE BAY AREA WILL JOIN HIM IN SRI LANKA IN A FEW DAYS TO HELP REBUILD VILLAGES. SOME OF THEM MAY STAY THERE FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

ANOTHER TSUNAMI SURVIVAL STORY .AN INDONESIAN MAN WAS FOUND FLOATING ON TREE BRANCHES AND DEBRIS, ABOUT 100 MILES FROM SHORE. THE CREW OF A CONTAINER VESSEL FOUND THE MAN LAST NIGHT. HE'S THE SECOND PERSON TO BE FOUND ALIVE ON THE HIGH SEAS. THE MAN IS SAID TO BE WEAK AND IN SHOCK, AND WILL BE HOSPITALIZED WHEN THE CONTAINER SHIP ARRIVES IN MALAYSIA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

A VERY DEADLY DAY IN IRAQ WHERE GUNMEN ASSASSINATED THE GOVERNOR OF BAGHDAD.AND, AT LEAST TEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN A SUICIDE TRUCK BOMBING IN THE IRAQI CAPITAL

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/11/2005 REPORTED THAT

PALESTINIANS ELECTED A NEW LEADER THIS WEEK. MOHMOUD ABBAS WILL REPLACE THE LATE YASSER ARAFAT.THE WORLD WAITS NOW TO SEE HPOW THIS WILL IMPACT THE PEACE PROCESS WITH ISREAL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS THE HUNT FOR BIOLOGICAL - CHEMICAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN IRAQ IS OFFICIALLY OVER. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE VIOLENCE IN IRAQ AND A LACK OF NEW INFORMATION - LED THE TOP C-I-A WEAPONS HUNTER - TO FOLD UP THE EFFORT SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. PRESIDENT BUSH AND OTHER TOP ADMINISTRATION LEADERS WARNED BEFORE THE US INVASION IN MARCH 2003 - THAT IRAQ WAS REBUILDING ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM. A FINAL REPORT OF THE FINDINGS WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/12/2005 REPORTED THAT

BAY AREA CONGRESSWOMAN ELLEN TAUSCHER AND THREE OTHER HOUSE LEADERS ARE BACK FROM THEIR OVERSEAS TRIP TO HELP TRAIN A GROUP OF IRAQI WOMEN CANDIDATES. THE WOMEN ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN THE UPCOMING JANUARY 30TH ELECTIONS IN IRAQ. EARLIER THIS MORNING - NBC11'S T-J HOLMES SPOKE WITH CONGRESSWOMAN TAUSCHER ABOUT THE TRIP AND WHAT HER GROUP

LEARNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THE IRAQI CANDIDATES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT

A CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY IS HONORING AN OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. A GUNMAN SHOT AND KILLED SERGEANT HOWARD STEVENSON IN THE STANISLAUS COUNTY TOWN OF CERES SUNDAY NIGHT. THE COMMUNITY REMEMBERED HIM WITH A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL LAST NIGHT. THE GUNMAN WOUNDED ANOTHER OFFICER - WHO IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION AT A HOSPITAL. POLICE KILLED THE GUNMAN - WHO WAS A MARINE ABOUT TO BE DEPLOYED ON A THIRD TOUR IN IRAQ.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/13/2005 REPORTED THAT

A NEW WAVE OF DEADLY VIOLENCE IN IRAQ THIS MORNING. MILITANTS SHOT AND KILLED THE REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ'S MOST SENIOR SHIITE MUSLIM CLERIC, ALONG WITH HIS SON AND BODYGUARDS. THE CLERIC WORKED FOR A GRAND AYATOLLAH WHO STRONGLY SUPPORTS HOLDING GENERAL ELECTIONS AT THE END OF THE MONTH. ALSO IN IRAQ THIS MORNING - GUNMEN KIDNAPPED A TURKISH BUSINESSMAN AND KILLED SIX IRAQIS IN THE PROCESS. POLICE SAY THE ATTACKERS OPENED FIRE ON A MINIBUS - AS IT ARRIVED TO PICK UP THE BUSINESSMAN - OUTSIDE A BAGHDAD HOTEL. FIVE OF THE IRAQIS KILLED WORKED FOR THE TURK WHO RUNS A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. THE TURK WAS THEN KIDNAPPED. A TURKISH NEWS CHANNEL SAYS THE COMPANY WAS WORKING IN IRAQ WITH AMERICANS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

CLOSING ARGUMENTS BEGIN TODAY IN THE PRISON ABUSE CASE AGAINST AN ARMY SOLDIER. 36-YEAR OLD CHARLES GRANER IS THE FIRST SOLDIER TO BE TRIED ON CHARGES STEMMING FROM THE ABU GHRAIB PRISON SCANDAL. GRANER SAYS HE WAS ONLY OBEYING ORDERS FROM INTELLIGENCE AGENTS TO ROUGH UP DETAINEES. IF CONVICTED, GRANER COULD GET 17-AND A HALF YEARS IN A MILITARY PRISON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ARIEL SHARON HAS JUST CUT ALL CONTACT WITH PALESTINIAN LEADERS. SHARON IS REFUSING TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH NEWLY ELECTED LEADER MAHMOUD ABBAS-HE SAYS UNTIL ABBAS MAKES A REAL EFFORT TO STOP PALESTINIAN MILITANTS. THIS COMES JUST ONE DAY AFTER PALESTINIAN MILITANTS KILLED SIX ISRAELI WORKERS IN A BOMBING AND SHOOTING ATTACK. ABBAS HAS SPOKEN OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE AND IS SAID TO BE WORKING TOWARD PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED

THAT

THE 9/11 ATTACKS WERE PAID FOR WITH MONEY TRANSFERRED BY AL-QAIDA TO THEIR OPERATIVES IN SOUTH FLORIDA. FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE DISCOVERED TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN STOCKPILING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BANKS HERE AND ABROAD FOR YEARS AND ARE DETERMINED TO SEIZE IT TO PREVENT FUTURE ATTACKS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/15/2005 REPORTED THAT

A EUROPEAN SPACE PROBE HAS SUCCESSFULLY ENTERED SATURN'S ATMOSPHERE THIS MORNING. THIS ARRIVAL COMES AFTER A SEVEN YEAR VOYAGE.

THE PROBE HAS TURNED ITSELF ON, AND IS GATHERING DATA AS IT NEARS THE GROUND. IT WILL HAVE ABOUT THREE MINUTES TO SEND PICTURES TO ITS MOTHER SHIP, THE INTERNATIONAL CASSINI SPACECRAFT. IT'S MISSION IS TO EXPLORE SATURN'S LARGEST MOON, TITAN, WHICH IS THE ONLY MOON IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM TO HAVE AN ATMOSPHERE LIKE EARTH'S.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT

AT LEAST 5 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 20 INJURED WHEN A TRUCK BOMB EXPLODED NEAR THE OFFICES OF A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY IN IRAQ TODAY. A SUICIDE BOMBER DETONATED A FUEL TANKER OUTSIDE THE KURDISTAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICES IN THE TOWN OF SINJAR. INSURGENT LEADER ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQAWI CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY IN AN INTERNET STATEMENT. THE KURDISH GROUPS HAVE FORMED A COALITION TO RUN IN THE ELECTION. THE BOMBING IS THE LATEST IN A STRING OF VIOLENT ATTACKS BY INSURGENTS TO KEEP VOTERS FROM THE POLLS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT

IN OTHER ATTACKS. INSURGENTS SET OFF AT LEAST 8 CAR BOMBINGS THAT KILLED 13 AND INJURED 40 OTHERS. AND SCHOOLS HAVE BECOME A NEW TARGET.

IT'S BELIEVED MANY OF THEM WILL BE POLLING PLACES FOR THE ELECTION.

DESPITE THE VIOLENCE THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT SAYS THE VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED ON SUNDAY. IRAQI FORCES WILL BE POSITIONED AT POLLING SITES, BUT US TROOPS WILL NOT. VOTERS STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THE POLLING CENTERS WILL BE FOR SECURITY REASONS, THAT WON'T FIND OUT UNTIL SATURDAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT

A DAY AFTER THE DEADLIEST DAY FOR US TROOPS IN IRAQ, THE MILITARY IS STILL PIECING TOGETHER THE DETAILS OF A HELICOPTER

CRASH. 31 AMERICANS WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR CHOPPER WENT DOWN IN A SANDSTORM

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT

CONDOLEEZZA RICE WENT TO WORK FOR HER FIRST DAY AS THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE. SHE ARRIVED AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS HER NEW STAFF LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER HER CONFIRMATION THAT CONFIRMATION WAS DELAYED BY A WEEK OF HEARINGS - DURING WHICH DEMOCRATS RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT HER ROLE IN THE WAR IN IRAQ. THE FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR STRESSED THE NEED TO BUILD ALLIES AROUND THE WORLD. RICE WAS SWORN IN LATE LAST NIGHT IN THE WHITE HOUSE JUST HOURS AFTER SHE WAS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT

IN A SOLEMN CEREMONY - WORLD LEADERS AND SURVIVORS REMEMBERED THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ. THEY GATHERED AT THE PLACE INSIDE THE DEATH CAMP WHERE NAZI DOCTORS SENT NEW ARRIVALS TO EITHER A WORK CAMP OR TO A GAS CHAMBER. TORCHES BLAZED AND SNOW COVERED THE RAILROAD TRACKS THAT LED INTO THE CONCENTRATION CAMP. A NUMBER OF FOREIGN LEADERS WERE AT THE CEREMONY - INCLUDING VLADIMIR PUTIN OF RUSSIA AND VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY. SIX-MILLION JEWS DIED DURING WORLD WAR TWO AS A RESULT OF ADOLPH HITLER'S NAZI REGIME.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 01/27/2005 REPORTED THAT

THE WAR ON AIDS AND POVERTY WAS THE FOCUS OF AN AIDS SUMMIT HELD IN SWITZERLAND TODAY. BRITISH PRIME MINISTER - FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON - MICROSOFT C-E-O BILL GATES - AND SINGER BONO WERE AMONG THOSE WHO DISCUSSED SOLUTIONS TO THE SPREAD OF AIDS. BLAIR CRITICIZED FOREIGN LEADERS FOR NOT TAKING AFRICA'S AIDS PROBLEM SERIOUSLY. LAST WEEK - BILL GATES' FOUNDATION PLEDGED OVER 750- MILLION DOLLARS TO VACCINATE CHILDREN IN AFRICA. BUT, IT WAS FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON WHO SUMMED UP HOW RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE THE SOLUTION COULD BE. THE ANNUAL MEETING BRINGS MORE THAN 25-HUNDRED OF THE WORLD'S BUSINESS - INTELLECTUAL - POLITICAL - AND SOCIAL LEADERS TOGETHER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/01/2005 REPORTED THAT

WE BEGIN WITH DEVELOPING NEWS OUT OF IRAQ. A MILITANT GROUP HAS POSTED A PICTURE ON A WEB SITE OF WHAT THEY CLAIM IS AN AMERICAN SOLDIER BEING HELD HOSTAGE. THEY ARE THREATENING TO BEHEAD THE MAN IN 72-HOURS UNLESS IRAQI PRISONERS ARE SET FREE. THIS ON A DAY WHERE ELECTION WORKERS ARE PUTTING TOGETHER

THE FINAL TALLY IN THEIR HISTORIC VOTE. MEANTIME - IRAQ'S PRESIDENT CALLS A MASSIVE US WITHDRAWAL COMPLETE NONSENSE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

PRESIDENT BUSH VISITED OMAHA, NEBRASKA THIS MORNING TO CONTINUE PITCHING HIS SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PLAN. IT WOULD GIVE YOUNGER WORKERS THE OPTION OF DIVERTING UP TO TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYROLL TAXES INTO PRIVATE INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS BUT TODAY - THE PRESIDENT BOWED TO CRITICS- ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACCOUNTS ALONE WILL NOT FIX THE PROBLEM EVEN SOME REPUBLICANS ARE BALKING AT HIS PLAN - COMPLAINING THAT THE PRESIDENT ISN'T SAYING HOW MUCH HE WOULD HAVE TO BORROW TO FINANCE HIS PLAN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD ADMITS HE TRIED TO RESIGN DURING THE ABU GHRAIB SCANDAL BUT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT ALLOW IT.AND - NEWS FROM THE PENTAGON THAT SOME TROOPS COULD COME HOME FOR GOOD.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/04/2005 REPORTED THAT

POPE JOHN PAUL THE SECOND'S HEALTH CONTINUES TO IMPROVE AS THE BREATHING SPASMS THAT SENT HIM TO THE HOSPITAL HAVE NOW SUBSIDED. THE 84 YEAR OLD PONTIF SPENT A THIRD RESTFUL NIGHT AT THE HOSPITAL. THE VATICAN SAYS HE IS IN STABLE CONDITION AND BELIEVES HE WILL BE WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE HIS WEEKLY ADDRESS ON SUNDAYFROM HIS HOSPITAL ROOM. COMPLICATIONS ARE STILL POSSIBLE, HOWEVER. HE WILL REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A FEW MORE DAYS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT

AN HISTORIC DAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN LEADERS HAVE AGREED TO END A LONG CYCLE OF VIOLENCE. PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD ABBAS - AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ARIEL SHARON SHOOK HANDS THIS MORNING IN EGYPT - TO OFFICIALLY DECLARE A CEASE FIRE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/08/2005 REPORTED THAT THE FULL SENATE COULD VOTE AS EARLY AS TODAY TO CONFIRM THE MAN PRESIDENT BUSH WANTS TO HEAD THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. A SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVED MICHAEL CHERTOFF'S NOMINATION BY A VOTE OF 14 TO NOTHING. FULL SENATE APPROVAL IS EXPECTED TO GO SMOOTHLY. CHERTOFF IS CURRENTLY A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT JUDGE. HE ALSO HEADS THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION. THAT LED TO THE TERROR

INVESTIGATION AFTER NINE ELEVEN. IF CONFIRMED, CHERTOFF WOULD SUCCEED TOM RIDGE AS HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE SAYS NORTH KOREA SHOULD RETURN TO DISARMAMENT TALKS AND END ITS INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION. HER REMARKS COME AFTER LEADERS FROM NORTH KOREA ACKNOWLEDGED FOR THE FIRST TIME - PUBLICALLY - THEY HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. NORTH KOREA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYS IT NEEDS THEM TO PROTECT AGAINST AN INCREASINGLY HOSTILE US. IT ALSO SAYS IT IS PULLING OUT OF SIX NATION DISARMAMENT TALKS. IT WANTS ONE ON ONE TALK WITH THE US. THESE DEVELOPMENTS COME AS RICE ISSUES A WARNING TO IRAN ON ITS NUCLEAR ACTIVITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/10/2005 REPORTED THAT STUNNING REVELATIONS ABOUT WHAT THE FAA KNEW PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS. A NEW GOVERNMENT REPORT HAS JUST BEEN MADE PUBLIC IT SHOWS THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION RECEIVED DOZENS OF WARNINGS BEFORE TERRORISTS STRUCK. ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE FAA RECEIVED 52 WARNINGS ABOUT AL QAEDA IN THE SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE TERROR ATTACKS. THE REPORT COMES FROM THE 9/11 COMMISSION - AND HAS JUST BEEN DECLASSIFIED IT ALSO SHOWS THE FAA RECEIVED FIVE SPECIFIC WARNINGS THAT AL QAEDA WAS TRAINING FOR HIJACKINGS THE REPORT IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE FAA - SAYING IT DID A POOR JOB OF RESPONDING TO THE THREATS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT NEW DEVELOPMENTS THIS MORNING IN THE ESCALATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS STANDOFF WITH NORTH KOREA NORTH KOREA IS DEMANDING ONE- ON- ONE TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES BUT THE UNITED IS STANDING BY MULTI- NATION TALKS IT COMES A DAY AFTER NORTH KOREA ADMITTED FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT IT HAS A NUCLEAR ARSENAL .

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/11/2005 REPORTED THAT A CAR BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE A SHIITE MOSQUE NORTHEAST OF BAGHDAD THIS MORNING. 13 PEOPLE DIED, AND DOZENS MORE WERE INJURED. THIS LATEST ATTACK COMES AS DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD PAID A SURPRISE VISIT TO THE REGION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT NO ONE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY YET FOR A CAR BOMBING IN LEBANON THAT KILLED THE COUNTRY'S FORMER PRIME MINISTER. IT HAPPENED EARLIER THIS MORNING, IN THE CAPITOL OF BEIRUT. OFFICIALS SAY THE BOMB WAS TARGETED AT HIS MOTORCADE. THE EXPLOSION KILLED AT LEAST NINE OTHER PEOPLE, INCLUDING SEVERAL OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER'S BODYGUARDS. EXPLOSIONS LIKE THIS WERE COMMON DURING THE 1975 TO 1990 CIVIL WAR, BUT HAVE BECOME RARE THESE DAYS SINCE THE CONFLICT ENDED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/14/2005 REPORTED THAT DOCTORS NOW KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE INFANT BOY KNOWN AS BABY 81 IN SRI LANKA HE WAS NICK-NAMED BEING FOUND AMONG THE TSUNAMI RUBBLE HE WAS THE 81st BABY ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL. HIS PARENTS FOUGHT TO WIN CUSTODY FOR EIGHT WEEKS BUT SO DID EIGHT OTHER COUPLES WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE THE PARENTS. A JUDGE ANNOUNCED OVER THE WEEKEND THAT D-N-A TESTS CONFIRMS THE BABY BELONGS TO THE FIRST COUPLE. THE BABY HAS BEEN IN STATE CARE WAITING FOR THE RESULTS. A COURT WILL ASK THE TRUE PARENTS TO APPEAR WEDNESDAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/16/2005 REPORTED THAT A NEW GLOBAL WARMING POLICY GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY 140 NATIONS SUPPORT THE KYOTO PLAN TO REDUCE GASES IN THE ENVIRONMENT BUT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ONE OF THEM. THE US IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF FOSSIL FUELS EMISSIONS BUT PRESIDENT BUSH REJECTED THE POLICY IN 2001 - CLAIMING IT WAS TOO COSTLY THE TREATY REQUIRES PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO CUT EMISSIONS OF GASES BETWEEN 6 AND 8 PERCENT. AUSTRALIA IS THE ONLY OTHER DEVELOPED NATION BESIDES THE US NOT TO JOIN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/21/2005 REPORTED THAT FORMER PRESIDENTS BILL CLINTON AND GEORGE H. BUSH CONTINUE THEIR VISIT TO THE AREAS HIT HARD BY THE DECEMBER 26-TH TSUNAMI. BOTH TOURED PARTS OF THE SRI LANKA COAST TODAY AND OBSERVED FIRST-HAND, THE RELIEF EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO HELP THE MILLIONS HIT BY THE TIDAL WAVE. CLINTON AND BUSH ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO SECURE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PRIVATE AID TO HELP TSUNAMI VICTIMS. MORE THAN 178-THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED IN THE DECEMBER DISASTER - OVER 30-THOUSAND IN SRI LANKA ALONE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/21/2005 REPORTED THAT THE STATE CONTROLLER WANTS TO DO YOUR TAXES FOR YOU. THE STATE IS MAILING TAX FORMS THAT ARE ALREADY FILLED OUT TO 10-THOUSAND RANDOMLY SELECTED CALIFORNIANS. TAXPAYERS CAN IGNORE THE RETURNS AND DO THEIR OWN, OR JUST SIGN THE ONES FROM THE STATE AND MAIL THEM BACK TO SACRAMENTO. THE PROGRAM IS TARGETING PEOPLE WHO FILE THE 540-E-Z FORM. BUT HALF THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY HAVE ALREADY SENT A LETTER TO THE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PROTESTING THE PROGRAM SAYING THEY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT PRIVACY. AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY COMPANIES THAT PREPARE TAX RETURNS DON'T LIKE IT MUCH EITHER

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 02/24/2005 REPORTED THAT TWO US SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN IRAQ TODAY -WHILE TWO OTHER SOLDIERS WERE INJURED. THE FIRST SOLDIER DIED WHEN A HOMEMADE

BOMB WENT OFF NORTHEAST OF BAGHDAD. THE SECOND DIED IN AN ATTACK NEAR SAMARRA THAT ATTACK ALSO WOUNDED TWO SOLDIERS 14 HUNDRED 84 SOLDIERS HAVE DIED SINCE THE WAR BEGAN IN NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/01/2005 REPORTED THAT NEW REPORTS INDICATE OSAMA BIN LADEN IS TRYING TO RECRUIT HELP TO ATTACK THE US. US SOURCES SAY THEY HAVE INTERCEPTED A MESSAGE BETWEEN BIN LADEN AND ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQAWI. NOW STATE AND LOCAL LAW OFFICIALS ARE BEING ALERTED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/01/2005 REPORTED THAT IRAQIS ARE BEGINNING TO BURY THE DEAD FROM YESTERDAY'S MASSIVE SUICIDE BOMBING IN IRAQ, AS THE DEATH TOLL CONTINUES TO RISE. 125 PEOPLE WERE KILLED - TEN OF THEM DIED OVERNIGHT FROM THEIR INJURES. SHIITE POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITS WERE TARGETED IN WHAT WAS THE DEADLIEST SINGLE ATTACK SINCE THE FALL OF SADDAM HUSSEIN. THEY WERE LINED UP FOR PHYSICAL EXAMS AT A MEDICAL CLINIC SOUTH OF BAGHDAD. TODAY, RELATIVES TOOK THEIR DEAD HOME IN COFFINS TO PREPARE FOR BURIAL. OFFICIALS SAY THERE WILL BE NO FUNERAL PROCESSION BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONCERNS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/02/2005 REPORTED THAT THE CITY OF NEW YORK BOOSTED SECURITY AT ITS TRANSIT CENTERS AFTER LEARNING A SUSPECT IN LAST YEAR'S SPANISH TRAIN BOMBINGS HAD INFORMATION ABOUT GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL. MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG SAYS THE FBI TOLD THE CITY ABOUT THE DATA FOUND ON A COMPUTER DISK TWO WEEKS AFTER THE MADRID BOMBING LAST MARCH. THE INFORMATION IS JUST NOW BECOMING PUBLIC. MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG SAYS THE CITY HAS TAKEN APPROPRIATE STEPS FOR SECURITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/02/2005 REPORTED THAT TWO CAR BOMBS KILLED 10 IRAQI SOLDIERS IN SEPARATE ATTACKS TODAY. AL-QAEDA HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE. THE FIRST OF THE BOMBINGS TARGETED AN IRAQI ARMY BASE IN CENTRAL BAGHDAD - AND KILLED SIX TROOPS. A SECOND BLAST HAPPENED AN HOUR LATER AT AN ARMY CHECKPOINT IN SOUTH BAGHDAD - AND KILLED FOUR SOLDIERS. MEANTIME - OFFICIALS NOW SAY THE SLAYINGS OF A JUDGE AND LAWYER ON IRAQ'S WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL MAY HAVE HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THEIR POSITION ON THE COURT - OR BECAUSE THEY WERE MINORITY KURDS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT THE COUNTRY'S AIRLINES ARE STILL VULNERABLE TO AN AL-QAEDA ATTACK. THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND FBI REPORT. THE FINDING COMES DESPITE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT ON SECURITY. OFFICIALS ALSO SAY THEY THINK AL-QAEDA IS TESTING US SECURITY SYSTEMS BEYOND COMMERCIAL AVIATION. THE REPORT SAYS TERROR GROUPS MAY BE TARGETING

PRIVATE HELICOPTERS AND PLANES, AS WELL, AND CRITICIZES THE "TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION" FOR OVERLOOKING THAT FACT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT MORE THAN THREE YEARS AFTER ANTHRAX LACED LETTERS WERE DISCOVERED THERE, THE HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY POST OFFICE IS BACK OPEN FOR BUSINESS. THE POST OFFICE WAS SHUT DOWN IN OCTOBER OF 2001 AFTER IT WAS DISCOVERED WORKERS HAD PROCESSED SEVERAL LETTERS LACED WITH ANTHRAX. CREWS DISINFECTED AND RENOVATED THE BUILDING AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF 80 TO 100-MILLION DOLLARS. MOST OF THE 500-ORIGINAL WORKERS WILL RETURN TO WORK TODAY, EXCEPT THE FOUR WHO WERE SICKENED BY THE ANTHRAX. NO ONE HAS BEEN CHARGED IN THE ATTACKS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 03/14/2005 REPORTED THAT IT TOOK A LOT OF QUESTIONING - BUT SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE FINALLY SAID SHE WILL NOT RUN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE IN 2008. THERE'S BEEN SPECULATION ABOUT WHETHER SHE WOULD TRY TO SUCCEED PRESIDENT BUSH AT THE END OF HIS TERM. A RECENT POLL ON POSSIBLE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES RANKED RICE THIRD HER SUPPORTERS HAVE MADE BUMPER STICKERS - WEB SITES - EVEN A THEME SONG. ON "MEET THE PRESS" YESTERDAY- TIM RUSSERT ASKED HER TO RESPOND TO THE SONG, AND THE SPECULATION. RICE LATER SAID SHE WOULD NOT RUN.

END OF REPORT